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# CHCC board now complete

By ERWIN ENCINARES

he Senate approved Friday Gov. Ralph Torres' DLG appointees to the Com-Healthcare monwealth Corp. board, completing the roster of the board, which will now govern the corporation.

The Senate approved the appointments of David Rosario, Lauri Ogumoro, and Leticia Reyes as the three representatives of Saipan on the CHCC board, joining Tinian representative William Cing and Rota representative Dr. Larry Hocog, whose appointments have already been confirmed.

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### Terroristic threat suspect arrested

On Sunday, June 11, 2017, at about 2:43am, Department of Public Safety police responded to a reported ter-



roristic threat at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport.

The suspect, Changchun Ai, Chinese male, was detained at the

Transportation Security Agency screening area for notifying TSA

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### Vin d'honneur celebrates PH-NMI partnership

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA kbautista1222@gmail.com REPORTER

The traditional vin d'honneur last hundred Filipinos together to kick off the start of the 119th Philippine al's outreach to the Commonwealth. Glicerio Arago, the *vin d' honneur* Independence Day celebration in the Philippine missions, embassies, and tradition was revived to celebrate the

A recently revived tradition, the vin d'honneur (French, it literally means "wine of honor) made a re-Saturday night brought a couple of turn appearance only last year as part of the Philippine Consul Gener-

consulates traditionally host the vin *d'honneur* as part of the celebration of the Philippine Independence Day, which falls on June 12 every year.

According to Philippine honorary consul to the Commonwealth partnership between the Filipino community and the CNMI.

Over 200 guests gathered for the vin d'honneur dinner last Saturday night, with the men mostly clad in the barong Tagalog and the women dressed in the traditional baro't saya.

There were also government of-

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WORLD

British PM Theresa May struck a deal in principle with Northern Ireland.

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LIFE & STYLE Adam West, TV's Bat-

man, has died.

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### Local

### Man breaks into ex's room with machete

A man accused of breaking into his ex-girlfriend's bedroom with a machete after learning that she has a new boyfriend was found guilty last week.

At the bench trial that began Thursday and ended on Friday, Danilo Dinong Ibrao was found guilty of disturbing the peace, assault, and criminal mischief.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo however, found the 51-yearold Ibrao not guilty of violating an order of protection.

Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig represented Ibrao in the case.

Sentencing will be on Sept. 5, 2017.

During trial, the prosecution called three witnesses, including the victim. Ibrao testified in his defense.

The victim alleged that Ibrao sent her text messages, threatening to kill her if she starts seeing someone.

Police learned that the victim and her boyfriend were resting in her room on Aug. 20, 2016, when Ibrao used a machete to damage some louvers and cut a hole on the screen of the living room window to gain entry into the room. The victim called for police's help. When he heard that the victim was talking to police on the phone, Ibrao fled. Police arrested him the following afternoon. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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A bi-weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority



### Marianas

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Beautify My Marianas offers \$100 to student or other groups that collect trash over 1-mile in an assigned area (payment may increase based on difficulty). Groups must apply to participate and document their cleanup with a written report, list of participants, and photos.

Recent participating groups include Grace Christian Assembly Kagman and Youth, 670 Sonics Baskethall Club

For more information on Beautify My Marianas or an application, visit the MVA homepage at www.mymarianas.com.

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**International Festival of Cultures** Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2017 **Garapan Fishing Base** 



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### Part of Matthews' ashes to be scattered here

sons, Carl Waymon Matthews of Cedar Hill Texas, passed away in January this year at the ripe age of 92.

Pursuant to his final wishes, a portion of Matthews' remains was sent to Saipan,

which he considered his second home. On Thursday, June 15, 2017, a portion of Matthews' ashes will be scattered over the cliff above San Roque.

A motorcade will Matthews depart the Hyatt Regency Saipan at 9am on Thursday, June 15, en route to the ceremony location at the San Roque entrance from the As Matuis village road.

Matthews, who took part in the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the invasion of Saipan, was born on Aug. 14, 1924, in Corsicana, and passed away on Jan. 7, 2017, in the Dallas VA Hospital.

The son of Velma and Carl, Matthews attended schools in Dawson and Hubbard Texas. He joined the Marines a few days before his 17th birthday,

One of the CNMI's adopted just four months before the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. In January 1942, his unit was sent to Samoa where he spent some time in training as well as appreciating the cultures of the Pacific Islands. The following summer, he returned to

the U.S. mainland as a medical patient. But this was only the beginning of his career dedicated to our freedom.

In 1944, Matthews participated in the invasion of the Marshall Islands

and Saipan and was wounded on Saipan the day before the surrender of the Japanese to the U.S. He received a medical discharge in March 1945.

Since his medical discharge, Matthews returned to Samoa once and Saipan four times to pay his respects to the islands as well as those who served alongside him, and each trip was a special one. On one occasion, Matthews was a keynote speaker for the dedication of the American Memorial Museum on Saipan. Later in

2005, NHK Television Network asked him to return to Japan and Saipan to participate in a documentary commemorating the end of World War II, and Matthews gladly obliged.

Since 2007, Matthews supported all efforts of historical and genealogical research. He wrote and spoke in public forums, some of which included World War II symposiums.

A few years later in 2011, Carl Matthews was the guest of honor and speaker at the 2011 Marine Birthday Ball at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. On a final visit in 2014, Matthews returned to Saipan to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the invasion of Saipan.

Thursday's ceremony to scatter a portion of Matthews' ashes will take place near the site where Lt. James Stanley Leary Jr. was killed on July 8, 1944. All who knew Matthews and wish to pay their final respects are welcome to join in the simple ceremony above San Roque. For more information call 287-9030. (PR)

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### 'Address museum's needs first'

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Officials must first address the facility issues of the CNMI Museum of History and Culture before turning their attention to new technologies and other programs, according to Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter

Hunter said the museum is "grossly under budget" every year and it is thanks to funding from the Public Assistance Office and the Legislature that

there is money to help with operations.

"[The museum's budget] has gone from close to \$400,000 a year down to like \$110,000. It is almost impossible to keep the museum going with that kind of budget. You can just imagine keeping the museum going with that budget," said Hunter.

"But we have money from [PAO] and it is also good to hear that the Legislature is helping with the allocation."

The Saipan and Northern

Islands Legislative Delegation's Ways and Means Committee allocated \$55,326 to the museum, out of the \$588,037 from House Local Bill 20-4 that also funds other programs and projects.

The committee, chaired by Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan), has recommended the passage of HLB 20-4, which was introduced by Rep. Gregorio M. Sablan Jr. (R-Saipan). The Marianas Visitors Authority has also set aside \$50,000 for the museum.

Hunter said a large portion of the museum's funds go to gas and grounds maintenance. "We use our own cars. [When I was executive director] I buy light bulbs, toilet papers, I painted the walls, and mop every morning. It has been a struggle keeping the museum open. Right now, paint and a leaking roof are some of the museum's problems."

"The Legislature knows the issues because they have been down there, they

visited the museum. They know what level of budget is needed to operate the museum, around \$300,000. The building itself has a lot of issues. It has structure and roof issues."

The museum faced these challenges even when Hunter was the director. "There were a lot of things we weren't able to do when it comes to marketing. Also, exhibit development, educational program development, and transitioning to newer technologies like digital theater and digital walk-through. There are still a couple of pending projects."

### Suspected CK 'ice' trafficker couple falls

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER

CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force agents arrested on Thursday a couple allegedly engaged in selling methamphetamine or "ice" in Chalan Kanoa.

Christopher John Eger, 38, and his girlfriend, Crisanta Canosa Noche, 50, also known as Manang and Christine, were arrested for drug trafficking and possession of a controlled substance.

At a hearing on Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$100,000 cash bail each on Eger and Noche.

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark was appointed as counsel for Noche, while a private counsel will be appointed for Eger.

Preliminary hearing will be on June 15 at 9am.

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government at the bail hearing.

According to DETF officer Roque K. Camacho, they were

screening agents that he may

Police learned that, at about

1:50am, the suspect was being

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have a bomb.

able to purchase "ice" from the couple using their cooperating source at three "buy-walk" operations at the suspects' residence on Elphidia St. in Chalan Kanoa 2 last April.

Camacho said during the operation they were only able to identify the suspects as Chris and his girlfriend, Manang/Christine.

Camacho said surveillance showed that known drug users and traffickers were seen coming in and out from the couple's residence.

Camacho disclosed in his report that during their first "buy-walk" operation on April 12, their cooperating source was able to purchase \$30 worth of "ice" from the couple.

During the second operation held later that same day of April 12, a cooperating source was able to buy from the suspects \$30 worth of crystal meth.

During the third operation on April 14, a cooperating source managed to buy 0.3 gross grams of crystal meth from the couple.

thoroughly and no bomb was

found. The suspect confessed

to TSA agents he was joking.

The suspect was detained by

Spam Cookoff judges Marilyn Marron of D&Q, Jose Tenorio of Joeten Susupe, and Glen Policare of Kanoa Resort pose with the winners and participants of 2017 Spam Cookoff held last June 10, 2017, at Joeten Susupe. BEA CABRERA

### Sablan is 2017 SPAM cookoff winner

By BEA CABRERA REPORTER

participants.

The 3rd SPAM Cookoff was held last June 10 at Joeten Susupe, with Sonnie Sablan walking away with the top prize after besting five other

In fact, one of the judges, Glenn Policare of Kanoa Resort, now has a more nuanced understanding of what can be made with SPAM.

"I was blown away by the variety of the dishes presented to us. My impression of SPAM has always been served at breakfast and nothing extravagant like this," he said.

Sablan, who impressed the judges with his SPAM shrimp pesto, said: "I wanted to try something different so I did pesto spaghetti. I cut the SPAM to look like noodles, made homemade pesto sauce, heavy cream and shrimps. I then threw them all together and partnered the dish with garlic cheese bread.

Second placer Gary Sword was no less impressive, with his Island Smoke concoction that blew the judges away.

"I smoked and barbecued a whole can of SPAM and mixed it with smoked marlin, coconut milk, and cilantro," he said.

Third place went to Jean Ballesteros, who presented judges with a stylized SPAM Poke. "I love poke, but instead of using fish, I used SPAM and my kids instantly liked it."

The winners took home cash prizes and their recipes will be archived by D&Q, which is the distributor of SPAM in the CNMI.

"The SPAM Cookoff is a partnership with Joeten in the celebration of their 68th anniversary. This is the third time we partnered with Joeten. The first was during their 65th anniversary, the second was the opening of the Joeten

Superstore and now Joeten's 68th anniversary," said Marilyn Marron, sales manager for D&Q Saipan and Pacific

Marron said that SPAM is considered the islands' steak, an everyday dish on the islands. "Yet it's something else when it is cooked creatively," she added.

Marron said the recipes they got from the entries will be used to promote different ways and means on how to cook SPAM.

Jose Tenorio, supermarket manager of Joeten Susupe, said, "We are really happy with the turnout today and we are looking forward to another event like this."

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"I also want to see what happened in the past—why was it changed in the past?"

the role of the CHCC board from an advisory board to a governing one. It was signed into law by Torres last Jan. 14. The passage of PL 19-78 grants the CHCC board the authority to control the corporation's daily operations, functions, and activities. Prior to the creation of the new board, the previous board had a famously adversarial relationsearched at the TSA screening departure area when he told the screening agents that he may have a bomb. The suspect was searched

Ports Police and arrested by DPS officers on charges of disturbing the peace and terroristic threatening. The suspect was scheduled to leave Saipan for Incheon

International Airport in Seoul, Korea at 2:30am. (Crime Stoppers)

### CHCC

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CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña will have six more months to orient the new board on how the lone hospital in the CNMI runs and how CHCC runs as a whole operation before starting to report to them.

Rosario thinks one of the main priorities to look at is teamwork and cooperation among board members.

"We should contact each other, get together, and organize ourselves to address issues," he

said, mentioning that the hemodialysis center on Rota is one of his top priorities.

We need to engage with [Muña]," he added, saying he looks forward to working with the CEO.

"She is a very good CEO that I know of," he added.

Ogumoro, who used to work at the dialysis center at CHC, said she would look into the hemodialysis center as well as the finances of CHCC, among many other issues.

"There is a lot of need and [CHCC] is a vital organization for everyone in the CNMI,"

"We would [also] look for personnel for CHCC," she said, adding that there is still a lot to be done.

Reyes wishes to step back and look into the finances and billings of CHCC.

"Are we billing correctly? Collecting correctly? From there, we would look at the other areas that we need to improve and make changes," she said, adding that the she wishes to work with the other board members before prioritizing anything.

When asked about CHCC running its own outpatient pharmacy in the hospital, Reyes said she has to first educate herself about the facts.

Public Law 19-78 changed ship with Muña.

### PH-NMI

ficials who participated in the celebration like Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Rep. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan), Saipan Mayor David Apatang, and Japanese Consul Kinji Shinoda.

"To the people of the Northern Marianas, we are here as your partner," said Arago.

Torres responded by extending his appreciation to the Filipino community in the Commonwealth and saying thanks for its support of the local government and the advancement of the Commonwealth.

"...It's the partnership

again that I would like to say thank you for and the strong relationship that was built... said Torres.

Apatang said there is an undeniably strong bond between the Filipino community and the CNMI.

Marianas High School valedictorian Robert Malate gave a speech, the Marianas Glee Club performed, and the Saipan Southern High School color guard posted the colors. A raffle draw capped the night, with a roundtrip ticket to the Philippines going to Lin Digno.

The celebration continued on June 11, during the *Pistang* Pinoy event at the Marianas Business Plaza.

### IT&E activates LTE service on Tinian

Residents on Tinian can now depend on faster internet speeds. IT&E announced Friday that it has activated LTE services at its central office in San Jose, Tinian.

With download speeds averaging 25 mbps, Tinian consumers will be able to experience faster speeds as they stream high-definition movies, make high-quality video calls, or conduct online business transactions.

"As the demand for a richer and faster network experience continues to grow, we are excited to be launching LTE services on Tinian," said Rose Soledad, general manager of IT&E CNMI Operations.

"More than ever, our customers are increasingly reliant on their mobile internet devices to perform critical business and personal functions, and this expanded and ramped up network service on Tinian will ensure that they have the necessary network infrastructure and support."

Soledad added that work is already underway to expand its network coverage on Tinian, which includes the installation of additional high-speed LTE sites throughout the island.

"The considerable upgrade in speed and coverage is part of IT&E multi-million dollar investment to enhance the customer experience for all

CNMI residents," said Soledad. "We have already invested millions of dollars in buried cable and wireless networks to provide improved internet speeds and better overall service, and the company is continuing to finance even more improvements."

These improvements, according to Soledad, include laying buried fiber optic cables, connecting all cellular sites to this fiber optic network, and expanding the 4G/LTE capabilities of its wireless networks.

Editor's note: LTE stands for long-term evolution, a 4G mobile communication standard. (PR)

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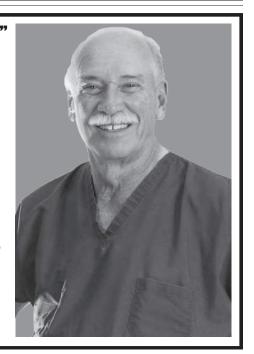
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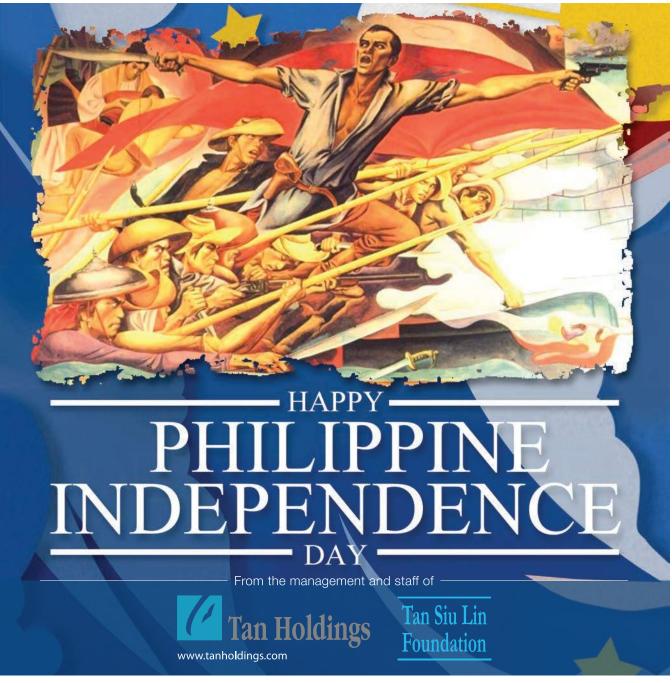


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# Acting DLNR head in familiar territory

By JON PEREZ jon\_perez@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Acting Department of Lands and Natural Resources secretary Anthony T. Benavente is in familiar territory, having been with the agency for more than 20 years. He is a former director of the Division of Parks and Recreation and also served in the same capacity under different administrations before entering politics.

"It is still a challenging stage and a bit hard. I've been at Parks and Recreation at DLNR where I served for 20 some years as director. I've been in an acting capacity in past administrations. I know some issues but then again there are new ones that are coming up," said Benavente.

"Like what I've said, I'm going to take it one day at a time and do my best in serving the public. I will work with the administration to address the pressing matters and other issues that might arise."

"I will also make sure we comply with the new issues that are coming up. I know there are solutions we could work on to fix any new problem," he added.

Benavente said he has been meeting with division heads and the entire staff in order to establish a good working relationship. "I'm still trying to learn again. Checking with the latest issues in the department and what's going on."

Benavente, a former Precinct 3 representative, replaced then acting chief Eli Cabrera who briefly headed the agency following the death of former secretary Richard B. Seman in April.

He has yet to get confirmation from the Senate. "[If confirmed], I'll just continue to do what the late secretary had been doing, making sure we comply with all federal and local regulations."

"I would also continue the efforts in getting federal funding and do our best to implement the regulations bestowed on DLNR. To follow what regulations are there, regarding wildlife, agriculture or recreation."

"This is just something that we need to continue doing and to make sure we're making it better, to serve the public right and in a respectful manner."



### Lawyer sues tour agent for alleged trespass

A lawyer is suing a tour agent for alleged trespass.

Charles P. Reyes accused Crystal Star Corp. of repeatedly entering his property in Gualo Rai without his consent in 2015 to gain access to an adjacent land and unload a large shipping container of goods.

Reyes is suing Crystal Star Corp. for trespass to land and conversion.

Crystal Star operates as a "tour agent" engaged in the "jungle tour and restaurant" line of businesses. Chen Li is listed as president, treasurer, director, and shareholder. Chen Dingfa is listed as director and secretary.

Reyes is demanding unspecified damages and an injunction to stop the corporation from further trespass. He also wants a jury trial.

The lawyer said that on June 8, 2015, Crystal Star repeatedly entered his property without his consent to unload a container of goods on the adjacent lot.

Reyes said Crystal Star hired a forklift and drove it through his property, damaging his lawn. He said the defendant also cut down his plants and left rocks debris on his property.

He said he had at least four or five "no trespassing" and/or "keep out" signs.

Reyes said he was forced to call the police to compel the defendant's departure. (Ferdie de la Torre)

### Chamorro book to be launched June 17

MANGILAO, Guam—The University of Guam Press will launch its latest publication, *I Atfabeton Chamorro: An Alphabetical Journey Through The Culture of the Mariana Islands* on June 17, 2017, from 3pm to 5pm at the Two Lovers Point gift shop.

I Atfabeton Chamorro was created through a
collaborative effort involving
teachers, students, artists and
photographers from Guam
and the Northern Mariana
Islands. It is a visually
captivating book featuring
the writing of upper division

Chamorro language students from the University of Guam and photography and artwork from a group of talented local artists. Each letter of the Chamorro alphabet is used to describe a significant cultural concept, story, or item, which is written about in Chamorro, English and Japanese.

Book contributors and artists will be present at the launch to discuss their work. Chamorro *chesa* (appetizers) will be served and both hard-cover and paperback versions of the book will be available for sale. *(PR)* 



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That makes it possible to enjoy dishes from the Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore without stepping off the island.

Aqua Resort Club executive chef Eduardo B. Olarte said their goal is ultimately customer satisfaction.

"The dishes that we serve were carefully selected. ...It helps us stay true to our theme every week. I also listen to our guests' suggestions. I value their opinion and rely on their tastes," he said.

Every country in Southeast Asia is well represented in the buffet, from appetizers to dessert: Pad Thai, chicken and beef sate with peanut sauce, Roti, Tom Yum Goong soup,

Thit Khoo (Vietnamese caramelized pork), beef kaldereta (Philippine beef stew), Thai baked fish, Hainanaise chicken rice, taro custard with coconut flakes, maja blanca, to name a few.

"All the dishes are cooked according to the practices and traditions of the country they are from to ensure that guests are getting authentic Southeast Asian foo. Every dish is rich with aroma because of the herbs and spices we specifically picked. We have the same menu every week because loyal customers have acquired personal favorites and we stick to what is good," Olarte added

Costa Terrace Restaurant also offers a terrific ambience.

"If a group of people will have a business meeting, we can set aside a place for them," said F&B manager Rom Manzon.

For reservations, call the Costa Terrace Restaurant at 322-1234. (Bea Cabrera)



Pad Thai is stir-fry Thai noodles with shrimp, pork, bean sprout, and roasted peanuts.

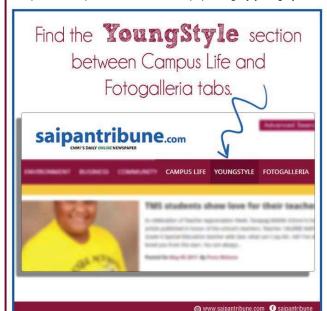
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### YOUNGSTYLE

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### CUC employees get their turn in spotlight

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres recognized employees of the Commonwealth Utilities

ceremony last Thursday as part of Public Service Recog-

for 57 days of time served.

That means he was required to

serve a total of two years im-

prisonment, minus 57 days of

Seman is to report to the Department of Corrections

today, Monday, at 8am. He

shall be released on April 16,

In 2015, Seman was sen-

tenced to 30 days in prison,

with credit of 11 days of time

served, for theft. In June 2016,

the Office of the Attorney

General charged him with

robbery. Seman also admitted

to a robbery on July 5, 2016.

(Ferdie de la Torre)

time served.

2019 at 8am.

### Habitual offender gets 2 years in prison

A habitual offender who robbed two women in Chalan Kanoa was sentenced to five years in prison, all suspended except for two years.

Jeremiah P. Seman was ordered to serve 11 months of his suspended sentence in his prior 2015 criminal case conviction. The 11-month suspended sentence shall run concurrently with his sentence in the robbery case.

Seman, 33, was given credit

### Villagomez reappointed to CPA board

**By ERWIN ENCINARES** 

REPORTER

The Commonwealth Ports Authority board of directors would be having former senator Thomas Kivu Villagomez as a board member once again after the Senate approved his reappointment to the post last Friday.

Villagomez has been on the CPA board for a total of eight years.

When asked about the priorities that he wishes to address at CPA, Villagomez said there are a lot of issues to discuss.

"We have a lot of challenges the board needs to address, one of which is the rehabilitation of the airport runway," he

"We also need to address the expansion of the airport. We really need to get back to addressing the master concession plans. We also have the military to address on Tinian. Those are the challenges we are currently facing."

Villagomez would be working closely with the airport facilities committee, which is chaired by CPA board member Barrie Toves to address the many issues surrounding the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport.

Villagomez was first appointed to the CPA board back in 2008 by former governor Benigno R. Fitial, was reappointed by the late governor Eloy S. Inos in 2013, and once more by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres. Villagomez said he looks forward to his third consecutive term as a CPA board member.

Villagomez's last term expired in March 2017.

The seven-man CPA board currently consists of board chair Jose R. Lifoifoi, vice chair Villagomez, secretary Roman Tudela Sr., and members Pete Reyes, Barrie Toves, Kimberly King-Hinds, and Clarence Tenorio.

nition Week, which took place Corp. during a rescheduled in mid-May.

> The governor expressed his appreciation to all 400 public servants at CUC and recognized certain employees for their years of service.

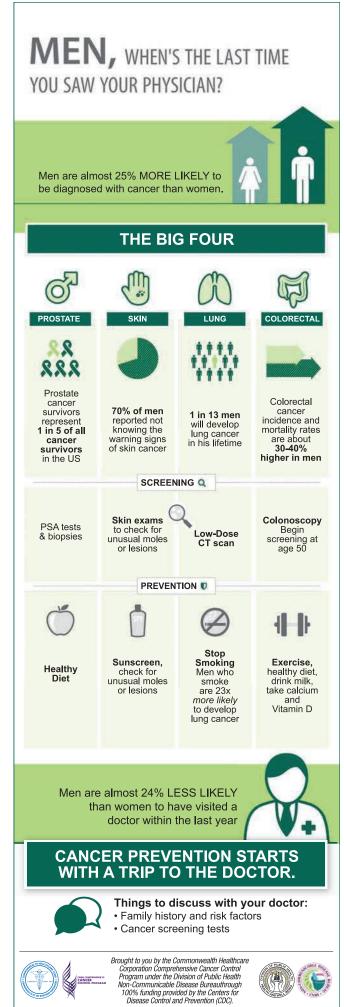
> "[Today], I had the honor and privilege of recognizing the hardworking employees of CUC. They have honed their skills and for decades given so much in service to the public. They continue to provide outstanding services while we move forward in improving our utilities.

> "To all the 400 individuals who made so many sacrifices and have spent countless hours during emergencies, I express my gratitude to you and your families and for your dedication each and every day for our community



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, left, recognizes employees of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. during a rescheduled ceremony last Thursday.

on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. I am so proud to meet you all and extend my support and open my door to you for the betterment of the Commonwealth," Torres said. (PR)





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### **EDITORIAL**

# Did James Comey's testimony hurt Trump—or help him?

n normal times, former FBI Director James Comey's testimony to a Senate committee would have been an earth-shaking event. Comey said that, after his firing last month, the White House told "lies, plain and simple" about him and the FBI. Comey said that, in ways he didn't with other presidents, he immediately wrote memos detailing his conversations with President Donald Trump because he worried Trump would later lie about them. Comey said that he took Trump's comment about the FBI's investigation of former national security adviser Michael Flynn—"I hope you can let this go" as a direction, not a request, implying Trump sought to obstruct justice. And Comey said that he believed he was fired by Trump to impede the FBI's overall investigation of Russian meddling in the 2016 elections—"the way the Russian investigation was being conducted"—not just the FBI probe of Flynn.

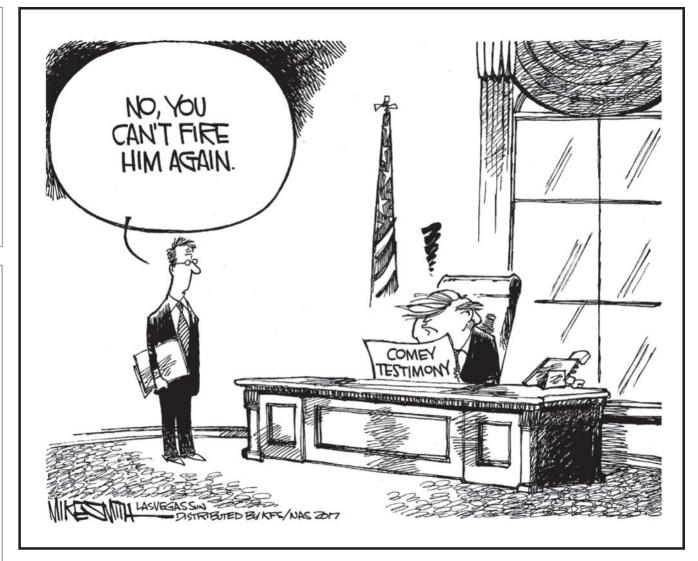
These are remarkably harsh allegations by an ex-FBI chief against a sitting president. The echoes of the Watergate scandal and cover-up that brought down President Richard Nixon are unmistakable.

But these are not normal times—and there is a chance that Comey's testimony in some ways could help the president. Comey explicitly said he had told Trump that the president was not under investigation in the FBI's probe of Russian interference in the 2016 election—contrary to a Tuesday CNN report and just as Trump has repeatedly claimed. Comey also refused to characterize anything the president had done as being against the law. And Comey largely discredited a Feb. 14 New York Times story that alleged Trump's campaign aides "had repeated contacts with Russian intelligence."

Trump and his supporters have other reasons to be relieved. Most of Comey's toughest comments had already been on America's front pages because of a leak that Comey acknowledged Thursday he had orchestrated. And if Comey left uncertainty by declining to answer some questions, his remarks can be seen as shoring up Trump's contention that Democrats and the media haven't made a case for the claim that he and his campaign colluded with Vladimir Putin to steal the White House. MSNBC host Chris Matthews, for one, said the idea Trump colluded with Russia "came apart" Thursday.

Comey's testimony can also be seen as more evidence for the theory that the president has spent all this time grousing about the Russia investigation not because he has something to hide but because of his belief and out-

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### America's body armor is getting stronger

In late May, the Missile Defense Agency shot down a mock intercontinental ballistic missile with another missile. It was the equivalent of hitting a bullet with a bullet—in space.

The successful test confirmed that our country is making good progress in developing an effective missile defense system. And effective missile defense is needed now more than ever.

The Obama administration allowed the U.S. ballistic missile defense enterprise—in reality, several systems tied together—to pretty much lie fallow for years. At the same time, both North Korea and Iran continued to advance their ballistic missile technology and their nuclear programs.

To keep ahead of these existential threats, Congress and the Trump administration must fully fund critical missile defense projects, particularly the Redesigned Kill Vehicle—the good guys' bullet for the intercontinental ballistic missile.

Naysayers have lambasted the missile defense program since Ronald Reagan first endorsed the concept in his "High Frontiers" speech. They've complained that it's technically impossible—despite the ever-increasing number of successful tests.

And they've carped that some elements of the planned system have been deployed even though the technology was immature.

That latter point is technically correct but also irrelevant. America cannot risk the luxury of keeping missile defense in the lab until it is perfect. Given existing threats, it was simply prudent to deploy the defenses available—imperfect though they are—to give the American people as much protection as possible. Very real threats existed then, and even greater threats exist today.

Missile defense opponents also say that deploying these defenses is "provocative," that it makes the Russians and Chinese "uneasy." To be blunt, who cares?

The Russians have been briefed repeatedly and in great detail. They know the system is no threat to counter their nuclear capabilities. The Putin regime makes an issue of it purely for domestic political purposes.

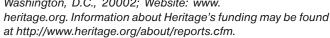
China likewise knows the present level of missile defense isn't capable of stopping their missiles. The bottom line is that America's leaders have a responsibility to protect American lives, not placate other nations or stroke egos.

These same critics, mainly hardcore arms-control adherents, say that mutually assured destruction is actually a better deterrent, so why add ballistic missile defense to the mix?

Deterrence is still there, as far as Russia and China are concerned. But it's much less than a sure thing when applied to Iran

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and North Korea. The ideologies prevalent in these two rogue states provide no assurance that their leaders will be restrained from launching nuclear weapons by the prospect of their own nations' destruction.

It's telling that the arguments raised against today's ballistic missile defense program are the same as those raised more than 30 years ago. Even though the technology has made tremendous strides—and the risk of missile attacks have increased—opponents remain stuck in a 1980s mindset.

So how should we look at ballistic missile defense today? Here's an apt analogy. When ground soldiers move out on a mission, they put on their helmets and body armor.

This equipment provides a huge amount of protection, but not complete protection. The defense they afford is "immature" and "imperfect." If the enemy fires fast and often enough, he may still hurt those soldiers. But no one says we should ditch the body armor.

Ballistic missile defense, and particularly the ground missiledefense system, is America's body armor.

It is only prudent to use what we have, while continuing to seek improvements and lessons learned from testing. Wringing our hands over hostile governments' opinion of our efforts to protect American lives is ludicrous, especially when those governments are actively pursuing ballistic missile offensive capabilities of their own.

No one wants war with Iran or North Korea. But policymakers must reject the time worn, out-of-touch arguments of the naysayers. They should fully fund missile defense programs that can maximize our protection today and keep building on the latest successful test to usher in even more effective missile defense in the future.



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### Flag Day in the Trump era

lag Day, June 14, is a rather lackluster holiday. Many Americans don't even know it exists. Yet the history of Flag Day can teach us quite a bit about democratic practice, especially in light of today's nationalistic fervor.

Flag Day dates back to 1885, when Dr. Bernard J. Cigrand, a teacher in Wisconsin, planned a patriotic event for his graduating students. He selected June 14, the anniversary of the day the flag of thirteen stripes and a blue field of stars was adopted in 1777. His pupils celebrated with patriotic exercises and flag-themed essays.

Cigrand dedicated the remaining years of his life to creating a national Flag Day. He caught a big break in 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson declared a nationwide observance of Flag Day.

The holiday changed dramatically. It became a spectacular showcase of American history and the nation's preparedness for international conflict. More than 150 cities adopted Wilson's call, organizing parades, pageants, and other commemorations.

Wilson maintained these happenings would combat the "influences which have seemed to threaten to divide us in interest and sympathy." The goal was to invite citizens, especially immigrants, to show that they were dedicated to the nation above all.

Flag Day became a tool used to galvanize people into a jingo-

istic patriotism. During the early twentieth century, nationalistic holidays became pervasive. Americans were taught that showing oneself to be a patriot—wearing a flag pin, singing national anthems, draping one's home in flag-inspired bunting—was more important than traditional democratic actions.

The heightened focus on the display of patriotism created a panicked climate and abetted vigilantism. In 1917 in Jefferson City, Mo., a crowd beat a man of German ancestry when he drunkenly praised a German war-battle win. German Americans were asked to kiss the flag, their churches painted yellow. And in 1918, residents of Collinsville, Ill., lynched Robert Prager, a socialist German miner, after parading him through town draped in the American flag.

President Trump has adopted his own overwrought vision of patriotism. America First, of course, was a slogan first engineered by Wilson to bolster isolationism. The connection of the slogan to Trump's fascination with a wall and his order to ban Muslims is clear. Throughout his campaign and now into his presidency, absolutist appeals to patriotism are held paramount.

Yet these appeals can harm democracy and may result in violence. Trump himself suggested that assaults at his campaign rallies were a result of his followers' love of country. Jeremy Chris-

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tian of Portland, Ore., who is charged with murder in the deaths of two men who intervened in his violent rant against Muslim women, announced that his brutality was "patriotic."

These actions show what can happen when citizens base their judgments on simplistic standards. Even absent eruptions of violence, overbearing understandings of patriotism can impede robust democratic engagement.

This year, let's use the occasion of Flag Day to reflect on what the flag represents—a nation held together not by the facade of patriotism but by a commitment to democratic, inclusive ideals.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Our new CUC board

Well, the entire members of the CUC board have resigned as requested by Governor Torres. I'm not sure I heard any grumbling from any of them. They just resigned and left. But why did Gov. Torres ask them resign? I say that, at first instance, the governor felt that there was a breach of fiduciary duty. Thus I feel that the governor's disappointment with the board reflects the broken trust the governor had of the board. I mean it has to do with the board's action to purchase an \$11-million engine to replace Engine 8 at the power plant in Lower Base without the governor's authorization. Also, the method of purchase was in dispute by Rep. Ed Propst as improper and a "family affair." That's definitely a breach of trust. There was also an insistence by committees of both chambers of the Legislature that the board members either resign or be "fired." And board and commissions members could be removed for cause, like not adhering to accepted or established procedures and acting against the written desire of the governor.

It looked like the board was operating like an absolute independent agency. Was it? The board should keep in mind that it is not a "fourth branch" of the CNMI government. None of them is. Neither a board nor a commission is absolutely independent; they are still within the Executive Branch. The Constitution only created three branches of government, not three and one-half nor four or more. Even if it is semi-independent or quasi-governmental agencies, or quasi-judicial agency, it still is under the aegis of the governor. It's the governor who is responsible for all of these governmental bodies and it is the governor who gets lambasted by critics for letting things slip through. And remember the appointment and confirmation process? It tells you the board is very much part of the administration and should not wander outside the sphere of the governor's global supervision. They are allowed to manage their in-house matters but when they step out of bound, then it time to look at the governor's office. Just like a regular executive agency.

The governor is entitled to loyalty from those who are serving the administration. He has that right. And he could remove board members. He could do that. The governor has that inherent power to exercise a global, ongoing supervision or decision on an executive agency or board or commission. A board or commission may be an animal of the Constitution, but the governor could touch it by countering it via legislative or popular initiative, or with his inherent power to exercise supervision. Although he cannot completely shut down CUC without the help of the Legislature

or the "initiative," he could withhold members' salaries or leave a vacancy or two unfilled, and create a quorum crisis. But he's doing all right. The entire CUC board has resigned, and a new board is awaiting confirmation by the Senate. Then he could appoint his supporters, which is all right, too. Our CNMI is heavy in politics, for sure. And the criticsleft, right, and centrist—they don't hold back. If the governor does not have a strong internal fortitude, he's going to get sick from the barrage. But freedom of speech holds. The critics have that freedom. The governor has put CUC in a state of emergency until he has filled the vacancies of the board. The appointed members must keep in mind that they are still part of the Executive Branch, and the governor their supervisor. In making the emergency declaration, Gov. Torres exercised his prerogative as chief executive of the Commonwealth and the sole supervisor of the executive agencies as well as the quasi-independent boards and commissions. In the final analysis, he is responsible for the normal operation of every agency in his administration.

So now, he has already nominated two persons for the board. I say that is good. He has the right to choose members who could give him their support on decisions that affect his administration and the way he sees things for CUC. I hope that members he appoints do support his administration, CUC, and its board. He must explain to his CUC board nominees that they must adhere to established government policies and procedures for CUC because they are still very much part of the administration. There has to be a two-way communications between the governor and each of the executive agency and boards and commissions, an inter-agency communications and accountability; otherwise an operational fiasco might occur. Trust, loyalty, and fiduciary duty. He should be given those. And let's see how the incoming board members turn out to be.

### Rudy M. Sablan

Garapan, Saipan

# The Invasion of Saipan and Tinian

I distinctly remember the invasion of Saipan and Tinian as if it were yesterday. It was 73 years ago when the U.S. forces began bombarding Saipan and Tinian (June 10, 1944) night and day. Five days later, on the morning of June 15, 1944, U.S. forces began landing on the southwestern and south side of Saipan. Our father, Elias P. Sablan, told us that we had to find a safer location to hide until the turmoil was over. Father knew of a cave up in the hill at upper Cannad Table hill so we all followed him to that

cave where we took refuge for three weeks.

There were other families who knew about the location of the cave so they joined us. Initially there were about 30 people in the cave but later some of the people could not bear the tremendous heat in the cave; they chose to leave. We had nothing to drink or eat so, we would send out three able men to get sugarcane and that was all we had for the three weeks that we were in that cave.

One morning three able men went out to get sugarcane when they encountered a group of Japanese soldiers, so they hid until the soldiers were no longer visible. By then the sun was up and as the three men returned to the cave the offshore American battleships saw men crawling up the hill so they started shooting at the area where the three men were seen. The explosion of the bomb created an unbearable pressure so my eldest sister Marikita led us in prayer.

We thank God for protecting us and we thank the three Marines that got us out of the cave safely. To show our deep appreciation to the three Marines who saved us during the invasion, I joined the 2nd Marine Association as a lifetime member.

#### Dave M. Sablan Sr.

Talafofo, Saipan

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rage that his enemies are trying to taint his victory and his presidency. Finally, Comey's testimony can also be seen as more evidence for the theory that Trump's highly questionable uses of his executive authority stem not from a Machiavellian attempt to manipulate American democracy but from his obtuseness and naivete about how presidents are supposed to act.

None of these observations about how the president might benefit from Thursday's events should be interpreted as a defense of his behavior. As Bloomberg View columnist Jonathan Bernstein noted, Comey's testimony illustrated the selfdefeating incompetence with which Trump has governed. Yet impeachment talk still seems premature.

Perhaps some bombshell will emerge from the independent investigation mounted by Justice Department special counsel Robert Mueller, the former FBI director whom Comey praised Thursday. But if that doesn't happen, Americans will have to keep muddling through the Trump era—hoping the president at some point displays a learning curve and realizes that the temperament and traits that brought him success in business, on television and on the campaign trail are bringing him nothing but grief and dysfunction in the Oval Office.

### The Weather

#### 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN



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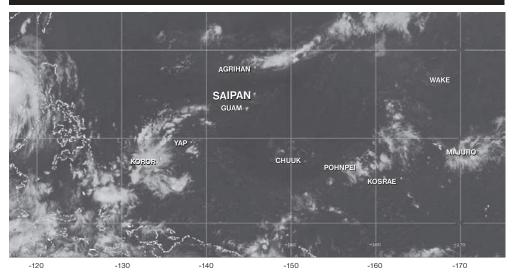




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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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### MVA, partners continue Garapan improvements



Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion, front right, leads the planting of the first of 32 peacock flower plants on Garapan St. on June 8, 2017. From left are George Castro and Vestino Tosiwo of LJ's Lawn Care, MVA procurement officer Dave Muna, MVA product development manager Tatiana Babauta, Concepcion, Sam Camacho of LJ's Lawn Care, and MVA product development specialist Naomi Santos.

The Marianas Visitors Authority and its tourism partners continue to make improvements to the main tourist district of Garapan.

The MVA continues to conduct daily cleaning of streets and sidewalks to improve the appearance and safety in the area.

"We have recently contracted a new company to be a part of the many agencies responsible for keeping our main tourist district clean, and we are very pleased with the results, so far," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Not only are they bush cutting, sweeping, and providing other cleaning

services, but they even start early in the morning before our tourists hit the streets."

MVA member Imperial Pacific International, Ltd. has also stepped forward to lend a helping hand—many hands, in fact—to the improvement efforts. IPI Corporate Social Responsibility team is providing manpower to pressure wash sidewalks and give a fresh coat of paint to medians.

"We sincerely thank Imperial Pacific for providing the manpower that our office just does not have for this particular project," said Concepcion. "By continuing these public-private partnerships, in coop-

eration with all responsible agencies such as law enforcement, we can keep our downtown area in a condition we can be proud of."

As the next step in its ongoing landscaping of the area, the MVA held Thursday last week a symbolic planting of the first of 32 peacock flowers—reminiscent of dwarf flame trees—along Garapan St. The flowering shrubs will replace pink tacoma trees lost due to Typhoon Soudelor and other causes.

The MVA also continues its work to improve Paseo de Marianas, a project anticipated to break ground this summer. (MVA)



The Corporate Social Responsibility team of Imperial Pacific International, Ltd. aids the Marianas Visitors Authority in water blasting sidewalks and painting medians in downtown Garapan on June 8, 2017. Pictured at far right are MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion and IPI CSR operations manager Alex Palacios.







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### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-026

### Professional Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Utility Software For Billing, Financials, Work Order Computer System

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from utility billing, financials and work order software developer firms, for the Purchase of Enterprise Resource Planning Solution (ERP) software and sustainment for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

The scope of work entails assessment, training, project management, migration, application and implementation. Deliverables may include a quotation for equipment to support the project, collaborative and performance reporting.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on June 27, 2017 at

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUIC-RPP-17-026 Professional Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Utility Software For Billing, Financials, Work Order Computer System" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than July 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procue or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Endeath and the contract of the contract o

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 30, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Antonio B. Castro, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email address antonio.castro@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO

MANNY B. SABLAN, Jr. Purchasing Administrator



### **Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director**



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-032

### SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ENGINE LUBE OILS FOR POWER GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of engine lubricating oils for CUC Power Generation facilities on Saipan and Rota for the period starting September 01, 2017 through August 30, 2020.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on June 1, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST).

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-032, Supply & Delivery Of Engine Lube Oils for Power Generation" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than June 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contract may be subject to the approval CPUC and will not be effective until receipt of such approval.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 5, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, Utility Coordinator for Power via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Antonio Castro, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email antonio.castro@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO Executive Director MANNY B. SABLAN, JR. Purchasing Administrator

### 119th PH Independence Day

### PHOTOS By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA





The winners to the raffle drawing during the Vin d' Honneur pose for a picture with Philippine honorary consul to the Commonwealth Glicerio Arago, second from right, last Saturday night. From left to right, a guest, raffle winner Lin Digno, Arago, and Ferdinand Santos.

Philippine honorary consul to the Commonwealth Glicerio Arago offers a toast during the Vin d' Honneur ceremony last Saturday night at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort Saipan.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Philippine honorary consul to the Commonwealth Glicerio Arago lead other guests in cutting the Independence Day cake during the Vin d' Honneur dinner last Saturday night at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.





Guests stand up during the playing of the Philippine national anthem during the Vin d' Honneur dinner last Saturday night at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.



The Saipan Southern High School Color Guard posts the colors during the vin d'honneur last Saturday night at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.



Members of the Emon Lodge No. 179 of the Freemasons hold up the Philippine flag during the flag-raising ceremony at the Marianas Business Plaza to commemorate the 119th Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines, which actually falls today, June 12.



Marianas High School valedictorian Robert Malate gives a speech during the vin d'honneur dinner last Saturday night at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.



Philippine honorary consul to the Commonwealth Glicerio Arago (far right) poses with guests during the vin d' honneur dinner last Saturday at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.





### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

#### CUC-IFB-17-033 NMC SEWER LINE UPGRADE (S-14-035)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the replacement and upgrade of sewer line in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general of the replacement of asbestos cement pipe (ACP) in the area of Northern Mariana College, Fina Sisu. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the sewer discharge. The Project is to replace approximately  $\pm$  750 LF of existing 8-inch ACP,  $\pm$  20 LF of 10-inch force main, existing service lateral exploration work, 4-inch service lateral connections and clean-outs, installation of new concrete sewer manhole installation and abandonment of existing sewer manhole, installation and monitoring of wastewater temporary by-pass pumping system and road restoration.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in 200 calendar days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on <u>June 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)</u> at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-17-033, NMC Sewer Line Upgrade", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 30, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 16, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator- via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Birhen Martinez, CUC Water/Wastewater Senior Engineer — via email address birhen.martinez@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email address marcela tenorio@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid documents, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR. Purchasing Administrator



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-023, Rev.2

### OEM—Assessment & Preventative Maintenance Services for the Diesel Engine Systems at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Saipan

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for OEM-Assessment & Preventive Maintenance Services (PMS) for the Diesel engine systems at CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEMs) or their authorized licensees from which CUC intends to select the most responsive proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's requirements. The term for the initial contract is for a period of ONE (1) year which may be extended or renewed upon mutual agreement.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on June 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the CUC Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Prospective Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-023. Rev. 2, OEM-Assessment & PMS for the Diesel engine systems at CUC Saipan Power Plant 1, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than July 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be administered by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 19, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Utility Coordinator for Power via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org inchard Cano, CUC Power Generation Manager via email richard.cano@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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### **Business**

### Pound dives as UK enters new period of uncertainty

**LONDON** (AP)—The pound fell sharply after Britain's election saw the Conservatives lose their majority in parliament, raising questions about the next government's ability to lead the talks to leave the European Union.

The British currency lost as much as 3 cents against the dollar by Friday as the results confirmed exit poll predictions that Prime Minister Theresa May had failed in her gambit to gain a stronger majority for those Brexit talks.

The pound fell as low as \$1.2636 from \$1.2955 on Thursday, before recovering slightly to trade at \$1.2737. The currency has been highly volatile in the last year, from \$1.50 a year ago before the Brexit vote to below \$1.18 briefly in October.

Above all, investors are worried about the general uncertainty surrounding the country—whether a bruised May will be able to govern effectively or whether she may eventually resign. On Friday, she said she will try to form a minority government with the support of a small Northern Ireland party,

"The big picture is that po-

litical uncertainty could take weeks or months to be resolved and it is likely to weigh on both financial markets (in particular the pound) and the economy," said Paul Hollingsworth, economist at Capital Economics in London.

As the dust settles, one issue will become the focus for investors: whether Britain is more or less likely to retain privileged access to the EU's single market. Exports of goods and services account for about 27 percent of the British economy, with almost half of exports going to the EU.

The probability of a clean divorce from the EU, a socalled "hard Brexit," can play out in different ways.

On the one hand, a weakened Conservative prime minister might not have the power to resist calls from some within the party who want that clean break, even if that means losing privileged access to the EU single market.

When May called the election in April, she did so with the Conservatives riding high in the polls, and the pound had surged on expectations that a big majority for the Conservatives would allow her to face down the so-called euroskeptics in her parliamentary ranks.

On the other hand, the vote's outcome may in fact suggest a "hard Brexit" is less likely, which could push the pound back up in the longer term.

The strong showing by the Labour Party, which has advocated for closer ties with the EU single market, is an indication the British are wary of breaking away sharply from the bloc. It will be more difficult for a Conservative government to walk away from the EU without a trade deal, as May has threatened to do.

The drop in the pound could push up inflation further in Britain, eroding people's living standards. It would make British exports more price competitive around the world-something that was reflected in a rise in shares for major British companies on Friday.

It would also in theory make it cheaper for foreign people and companies to spend and invest in Britain. though analysts say any gains would likely be offset by the chilling effect the general uncertainty will have on business investment.

### Trump seeks pivot from Russia probe to job training

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Donald Trump is trying to change the subject back to his promise to make American job creation a top priority.

"We want to get back to running our great country," Trump said at a White House news conference on Friday after a week that saw Washington and much of the country fixated on the damaging testimony of his fired FBI director.

Facing turmoil about investigations that began over his campaign's ties to Russia, Trump plans to devote next week to bringing more Americans into the economy by having them start working as apprentices. The effort follows a week spent on infrastructure in which the president remained relatively vague about his policies in hopes of starting a conversation.

The jobs training initiative is aimed at millions of Americans who could consider apprenticeships instead of fouryear college degrees, which can leave them struggling to pay off student loans. But as presented by White House aides Friday, the push so far lacks the details of a significant policy drive.

Trump's young presidency is facing an increasingly tense period, amid the congressional and Justice Department probes into Russia's interference in the 2016 election and ties to the Trump campaign. Other items on the Trump agenda are also mired in uncertainty, including a tax overhaul and plans to replace the health insurance law signed by President Barack Obama in 2010.

To turn to jobs and apprenticeships in particular, Trump is visiting a technical college in Waukesha, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, delivering a policy speech at the Labor Department on Wednesday and meeting with eight governors at the White House on Thursday.

There are few specifics as to how Trump would encourage more Americans to simultaneously work and learn as apprentices. He intends to improve coordination on the issue among businesses, schools and government leaders.

"It's really when those elements come together that the country has seen the best results," Reed Cordish, a presidential aide on intragovernmental and technology issues, said in a conference call with reporters. Administration officials declined to say how much additional money would be devoted for apprenticeship programs, let alone how they intend to increase the number of people taking part- from roughly 500,000 in fiscal 2016.

At a White House event earlier this year with CEOs, Trump said he was willing to try for a goal of 5 million new apprenticeships over five years. Part of the challenge, White House officials said, was changing negative attitudes toward vocational

Funding may also prove an obstacle. Trump's proposed budget would slash the Labor Department's budget by a fifth to \$9.6 billion and its job training programs by more than a third. The \$90 million spent on apprenticeships would be spared. The plan aims to more tightly organize what his aides say are 43 job training programs across 13 agencies.

### **Nation**

### Trump rebuffs bipartisanship, banks on base to tame turmoil

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Donald Trump is banking on his loyal base of supporters to help him through the tangle of the Russia turmoil.

Trump had his core backers in mind as he responded to former FBI Director James Comey's blockbuster Senate testimony and the steady creep of multiple congressional investigations and Special Counsel Robert Mueller's probe.

Trump's Republican allies might have found Comey credible, but the president called the man he fired as FBI director a liar and a "leaker." Trump said he was the victim of the "fake news" media. And he tried to charge ahead by resorting to what worked for him as a candidate—pushing policies dear to his base and using strong rhetoric to convey that message.

"As you know, we're under siege, you understand that. But we will come out bigger and better and stronger than ever. You watch," Trump said Thursday as Comey was telling senators that the president had pressured him to drop an investigation into an ex-White House aide.

His strategy is consistent with the way Trump has governed in his first four months in office. His Trump White House has

made little effort to broaden the bedrock of support for a president who lost the popular vote and receives scant backing from Democrats.

Trump has yet to hold a rally in a state he lost to Hillary Clinton in November. He visits many of the small Rust Belt cities and rural heartland communities that went for him.

While backing away from some campaign promises, Trump has made good on policies his loyalists track closely.

When Trump pulled the United States from the Paris climate accords despite pleas from American allies, he framed it as a victory for American industry and the blue-collar workers who backed him. He appointed a conservative to the Supreme Court, Neil Gorsuch, and is



steadily nominating similar candidates to fill judicial vacancies.

With help from the Republican-led Congress, he has rolled back Obamaera rules on the environment, gun

rights, the internet and financial regulations.

Support for the president has broken down sharply along party lines.

Only 4 percent of Democrats back Trump while he has an 81 percent approval rating among Republicans, according to a Quinnipiac poll released this past week. His overall job approval number has fallen to the mid-30s, a new low, but the GOP number has remained steady in the past two months.

Even if Trump's core holds, the erosion of support from independents and wavering Democrats would jeopardize his ability to build support in swing states such as Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida, said Paul Maslin, a Democratic pollster based in Wisconsin.

### Rallies against Islamic law draw counter-protests across US

SEATTLE (AP)—Demonstrators at small but raucous gatherings around the country Saturday raised the specter that extremist interpretations of Islamic law might somehow spread across the U.S., but many of the rallies drew even more boisterous counterprotests by people who called such fears unfounded.

Hundreds of counterprotesters marched through downtown Seattle, banging drums, cymbals and cowbells behind a large sign saying "Seattle stands with our Muslim neighbors." Participants chanted "No hate, no fear, Muslims are welcome here" on their way to City Hall, where dozens of anti-Shariah protesters rallied.

A phalanx of bicycle police officers kept the sides separated during the sanctioned events, but authorities said a large fight broke out after the gatherings concluded. Police used tear gas to disperse rowdy demonstrators and arrested three people for obstructing law enforcement.

In front of the Trump building in downtown Chicago, about 30 people demonstrated against Islamic law and in favor of President Donald Trump, shouting slogans and holding signs that read "Ban Sharia" and "Sharia abuses women." About twice as many counter-protesters marshaled across the street.

A similar scene played out in a park near a New York courthouse, where counterprotesters sounded air-horns and banged pots and pans in an effort to silence an anti-Shariah rally. In St. Paul, Minnesota, state troopers arrested about a half-dozen people when scuffles broke out at the close of competing demonstrations at the state Capitol.

"The theme of today is drowning out racism," said New York counter-protester Tony Murphy, standing next to demonstrators with colorful earplugs. "The more racists get a platform, the more people get attacked."

The rallies, held in more than two dozen U.S. cities, were organized by ACT for America, which claims Islamic law is incompatible with Western democracy.

The organization said it opposes discrimination and supports the rights of those subject to Shariah. However, the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate groups, calls it the largest American anti-Muslim group.

"I don't believe Islam can peacefully co-exist with the Constitution," said Seattle anti-Shariah demonstrator Aaron Bassford, 29. need unity in this country under no ideology and no banner except the Constitution of the United States of America."

But the overwhelming majority of Muslims don't want to replace U.S. law with Islamic law, known as Shariah, and only "radical extremist groups" would call for that, said Liyakat Takim, a professor of Islamic studies at Mc-Master University in the Canadian city of Hamilton, Ontario.

Shariah, Takim said, refers to guidelines or principles—how Muslims should live. "Figh" refers to jurisprudence, or specific laws. The values embedded in Shariah do not change and are shared among Muslims, he said, while figh is open to interpretation and change, and in fact differs among Islamic sects and communities.

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### 13 PH marines killed in fighting with militants

ILIGAN, Philippines (AP)— Thirteen Philippine marines were killed in fierce fighting with Muslim militants who have laid siege to a southern city for nearly a month in the biggest single-day loss for government forces, the military said Saturday.

A U.S. Navy aircraft provided surveillance for the local troops as the battle raged in Marawi on Friday, confirming the involvement of the U.S. military in helping quell the urban insurrection at the request of the Philippine government, Philippine military officials said.

An Associated Press journal-

ist and photographer saw a U.S. Navy P3 Orion plane hovering in cloudy skies above Marawi on Friday. The aircraft flew above rocket-firing Philippine helicopters that struck militant positions, causing plumes of smoke to billow skyward.

"We don't have adequate surveillance equipment, so we asked the U.S. military for assistance. It's noncombat assistance," military spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla said by phone, citing a Philippine government policy that bars foreign troops from local combat.

The U.S. Embassy in Manila said without elaborating that U.S. special operations

forces were providing help to Filipino troops battling the Maute and Abu Sayyaf militants in Marawi.

"The United States is a proud ally of the Philippines, and we will continue to work with the Philippines to address shared threats to the peace and security of our countries, including on counterterrorism issues," the embassy said in a statement.

Philippine marines were conducting a house-to-house search for militants allied with the Islamic State group who are still occupying parts of Marawi when the battle erupted Friday, said Lt. Col. Jo-ar Herrera, spokesman for the Philippine

army's 1st Infantry Division.

About 30-40 militants used civilians as human shields, making it hard for troops to operate, and also positioned themselves in the city's many mosques.

Forty other marines were wounded, Herrera said.

say the violence has left at least 138 militants and 58 government troops dead. At least 21 civilians have been killed, including a boy who was hit by suspected militant gunfire inside a Marawi mosque where his family had taken refuge, Padilla said.

Hundreds of thousands of people have fled the city, parts of which were reduced to Philippine military officials rubble by fighting and government airstrikes in an attempt to dislodge the rebels.

"This temporary setback has not diminished our resolve a bit," said military spokesman Col. Edgard Arevalo. "It instead primed up our determination to continue our prudent advances to neutralize the enemy, save the innocent lives trapped in the fight, and set the conditions for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Marawi."

### Gunmen attack mosque in Afghanistan, killing 3

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)— At least three civilians were killed by gunmen inside a mosque in eastern Afghanistan on Friday, the Interior Ministry said.

The ministry said that nine others were wounded in the Fri-

day night attack in Gardez, the capital of Paktia province, in a statement released Saturday.

The ministry strongly condemned the attack and called it "an act against Islam and humanity." It said the civilians were attacked while praying.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, but the Taliban and Haggani network are active in Paktia and neighboring provinces and often target government officials as well as Afghan security forces in the region.



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Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at <u>2:00 PM, MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017,</u> at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, requires the removal and replacement of all airfield markings and other miscellaneous work in accordance with the plans and specifications and in compliance with FAA's Advisory Circular No. 150/5340-1L.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in accordance with Item G-100-3.2 (Contract Time) of the General Project Requirement of the Technical Specifications. Liquidated damages shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.4** (**Liquidated Damages**) of the General Project Requirements. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse,

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00) for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, Rota Ports Manager's Office at 10:00 AM, Monday, July 3, 2017 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference prospective bidders shall be required to attend,

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening conference,

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding hid rejection or cancellation, or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than <u>TEN PERCENT (10%)</u> of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the ommonwealth Ports Authority

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

CHRISTOPHER S TENORIO Executive Director

Date: June 9, 2017



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One original and three copies of the Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at 2:00 PM, FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of installation of airfield pavement markings, including but not limited to numbers, markings, and stripes on the surface of runways, taxiways, and aprons, in accordance with these specifications and at the locations shown on the plans, or as directed by the Engineer.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of <u>ONE HUNDRED DÓLLARS (\$100.00)</u> for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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The contract period for construction of the project shall be 180 CALENDAR DAYS. Liquidated damages in the amount of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) per day shall be assessed the contractor if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the

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All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the DEPARTMENT OF THE FEDERAL LABOR WAGE RATE DETERMINATION is included in SECTION GP 70-25 of the specifications, The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO /s/ **Executive Director** 

Date: June 7, 2017

### World

### May strikes tentative deal with N. Ireland party

(AP)—British **LONDON** Prime Minister Theresa May struck a deal in principle with Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party on Saturday to prop up the Conservative government, stripped of its majority in a disastrous election.

The result has demolished May's political authority, and she has also lost her two top aides, sacrificed in a bid to save their leader from being toppled by a furious Conservative Party.

The moves buy May a temporary reprieve. But the ballot-box humiliation has seriously-and possibly mortally-wounded her leadership just as Britain is about to begin complex exit talks with the European Union.

May's office said Saturday that the Democratic Unionist Party, which has 10 seats in Parliament, had agreed to a "confidence and supply" arrangement with the government. That means the DUP will back the government on key votes, but it's not a coalition government or a broader pact.

Downing St. said the Cabinet will discuss the agreement on Monday.

The announcement came after May lost Downing St. chiefs of staff Nick Timothy and Fiona Hill, who resigned Saturday. They formed part of May's small inner circle and were blamed by many Conservatives for the party's lackluster campaign and unpopular election platform, which alienated older voters with its plan to take away a winter fuel allowance and make them pay more for long-term care.

In a resignation statement on the Conservative Home

that the campaign had failed to communicate "Theresa's

website, Timothy conceded and missed signs of surging support for the opposition Labour Party.

made the removal of Hill and minister. May's party won Timothy a condition for continuing to support May, who

has vowed to remain prime positive plan for the future," Some senior Tories had

British Prime Minister Theresa May and her husband Philip stand on the doorstep of 10 Downing Street, London, after addressing the press Friday, June 9, 2017 following an audience with Britain's Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace where she asked to form a government.

### France's Macron faces test in parliamentary elections

**PARIS** (AP)—French voters are choosing lawmakers in the lower house of parliament on Sunday in a vote that is crucial for newly-elected president Emmanuel Macron.

A total of 7,882 candidates are running for 577 seats in the National Assembly in Sunday's first round of the twostage legislative elections. Top vote-getters advance to the decisive second round June 18.

Polls suggest the elections will strongly favor Macron's party and dramatically shake up French politics, punishing the traditional left and right parties and leaving no single strong opposition force.

Macron's year-old centrist movement, Republic on the Move, is seeking an absolute majority to be able to implement his campaign promises, which include simplifying labor rules and making it easier to lay off workers in hopes of boosting hiring.

the main themes of a major labor reform that has already angered French unions and is likely to prompt tensions over the summer.

Macron also plans to quickly pass a law to strengthen security measures-effectively making the state of emergency permanent, after multiple Islamic extremist attacks in France—and another one to put more ethics into French politics.

The government needs a new Assembly in place to vote on the bills.

Macron called on French voters to give him a "majority to make changes" on the night of his victory May 7. "That's what the country The government outlined wants and that's what it deserves," he said.

A minimum of 289 seats is required to secure an absolute majority.

According to the latest polls, Macron's movement appears in a position to win potentially as many as 400 seats.

The candidates of Republic on the Move include many newcomers in politics, like a retired bullfighter, a fighter pilot and a mathematical genius. Half of them are women.

Candidates from the conservative Republicans party

are expected to arrive in second position, and other parties with possibly more than 100 seats. The Socialists, who dominated the last Assembly are expected to suffer a stinging defeat and win just a few dozen seats.

In the wake of far-right Marine Le Pen's qualification for the presidential runoff, the National Front party is expected to get its highest-ever score - but does not appear able to become the major opposition force Le Pen had hoped for. Polls project it could win about a dozen seats, in part because of a voting system that favors the biggest parties.

Marine Le Pen herself is running for a seat in Henin-Beaumont in northern France.

318 seats, 12 fewer than it had before May called a snap election, and eight short of the 326 needed for an outright majority. The main opposition La-

### UK election

Election ends in hung Parliament: Conservatives set for 319 seats, Labour 261

Results from 649 of the 650 constituencies



bour Party surpassed expectations by winning 262.

May announced later that Gavin Barwell—a former housing minister who lost his seat in Thursday's election-would be her new chief of staff.

May said Barwell would help her "reflect on the election and why it did not deliver the result I hoped for."

Conservative legislator Nigel Evans said the departure of the two aides was "a start," but there needed to be changes to the way the government functioned in the wake of the campaign.

He said the Conservative election manifesto-which Hill and Timothy were key in drafting-was "a full assault on the core Tory voters, who are senior citizens."

"It was a disaster," he said. "Our manifesto was full of fear and the Labour Party's manifesto was full of promises."

### **WORLD BRIEFS**

#### **Gulf nations may let** some Qataris stay amid diplomatic rift

DOHA, Qatar (AP)—Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have signaled they may allow some Qataris to stay in their countries amid a diplomatic rift with the Gulf nation. The three Gulf nations said early Sunday that officials would consider "humanitarian cases" as a deadline looms for Qataris to return home. On June 5, the countries cut diplomatic ties to Qatar and ordered all Qataris out within 14 days. For its part, Qatar issued an overnight statement saying residents living in the country from those nations that severed ties would have "complete freedom" to stay despite the "hostile and tendentious campaigns" now targeting it. Arab nations have tried to isolate Qatar over its alleged support of militant groups and ties to Iran.

#### **Dutch police on car** incident: no indication of attack

BRUSSELS (AP)—A car struck pedestrians around Amsterdam's main train station on Saturday, injuring eight people. There was "no indication whatsoever" it was an extremist attack, police said. Six of the injured were hospitalized, with two of them in serious condition, police spokeswoman Marjolein Koek said. "There is no indication whatsoever that this is a terrorist attack," Koek added.

Amsterdam police later tweeted that apparently the driver had been unwell. "Talked to the suspect. Doesn't appear to be intentional, rather getting sick. Obviously we continue the investigation to exclude other options." Police said that the driver was parked in a place where he wasn't allowed to stop and drove off when approached by police and ran into a wall.

#### Gadhafi's son released after more than 5 vears of detention

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)— Seif al-Islam, the son and one-time heir apparent of late Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi, has been released after more than five years in detention, his captors said on Saturday. A statement by his captors, the Abu Bakr al-Siddig Battalion, said Seif al-Islam was released on Friday, but gave no details on his whereabouts. Battalion officials reached by The Associated Press at Zintan, a town south of the capital Tripoli where it is based, confirmed his release. They declined to disclose his whereabouts, citing concerns over his safety. They said his release was decided as part of a recent pardon issued by the Libyan parliament based in the country's eastern region. The parliament in the city of Tobruk is part of one of three rival administrations in Libya, evidence of the chaos that has prevailed in the country since Gadhafi's ouster and death.

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#### AGE. SEX LEAD TO DIFFERENT DIAGNOSES

he researchers report that, between 2000 and 2010, squamous cell carcinoma (also called cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma) diagnoses increased 263 percent, and basal cell carcinomas increased 145 percent. They compared the 2000-2010 period to two other segments of time: 1976-1984 and 1985-1992.Women 30-49 experienced the greatest increase in basal cell carcinoma diagnoses; whereas, women 40-59 and 70-79 experienced the greatest increase in squamous cell carcinomas.

Men had an increase in squamous cell carcinomas between the first and second time period studied (1976-1984 and 1985-1992), but experienced a slight decline in the 2000-2010 period. However, for basal cell carcinomas, men over 29 showed similar increases in diagnoses in the 2000-2010 period than the two earlier periods.

### TANNING: BEAUTIFYING OR DEATH-DEFYING?

e know that the sun and some artificial sunlight sources give off skin-damaging ultraviolet, or UV, rays," says Christian Baum, M.D., a Mayo Clinic dermatologist and the study's senior author. "This skin damage accumulates over time and can often lead to skin cancer.

"Despite the fact that sunscreens and cautionary information have been widely available for more than 50 years, we saw the emergence of tanning beds in the 1980s, and tanning—indoors or out—was a common activity for many years."

Although Baum notes that tanning has slowed, tanning beds still exist, and beaches will never be empty. But what people should remember is that the damage accumulates, he says, and "eventually those blistering sunburns of your

youth and hot, reddened skin, and peeling shoulders of your adulthood can add up to one or more skin cancers."

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The authors also reported that shifts in exposure to UV light may be the reason for a location shift in where the cancer tumors are found. In the earlier time periods, both basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas were diagnosed more often on the head and neck. But, in the most recent time period, the records showed that basal cell tumors on the torso increased, as did squamous cell carcinomas on the arms and legs.

Baum says that the risk of cancer should provide the ultimate argument for using sunscreen—every day, year-round on all exposed skin.

"Use sunscreen," says Baum. "This includes on your left arm for those who do a lot of driving. UV rays can penetrate car windows and exposed skin — even when the sun isn't shining. UV rays bounce around under the clouds, off the snow, buildings, and more, causing damage—even on gray days."

### **MORE ON THE DATA**

sing the Rochester Epidemiology Project medical records linkage system, the research team was able to identify nearly all of the Olmsted County, Minnesota, adult residents who received an initial diagnosis of the most common nonmelanoma skin cancers—basal or squamous cell carcinoma (or both), during the 2000-2010 period and the comparison years.

"There is no tumor registry for these types of cancer," says Baum, "So it is difficult to have accurate estimates of the national or worldwide impact of these cancers. However, because the Rochester Epidemiology Project contains health care information for virtually all residents of Olmsted County since 1966, it provides a good proxy for information on many global population health concerns." (Mayo Clinic News Network/TNS)

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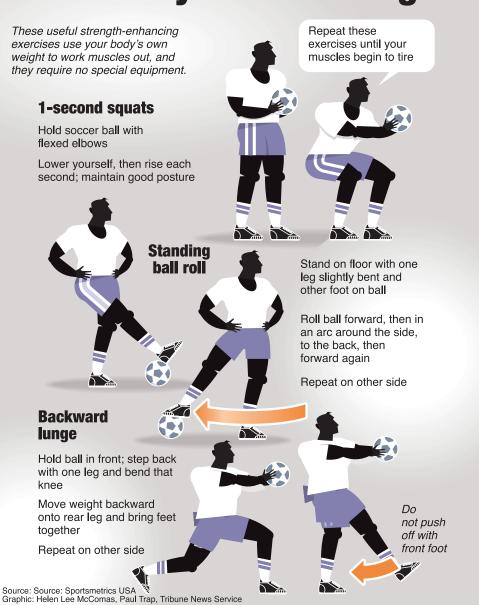




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### Life & Style

### Bill Cosby on the stand? Experts say it would be a huge risk

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP)— Entertainer Bill Cosby didn't answer when asked the question so many want to know, but his spokesman dangled the possibility.

Cosby might testify at his sexual assault trial. Spokesman Andrew Wyatt told reporters on Friday that Cosby's team was still evaluating whether to have him take the witness stand.

Legal experts, however, say putting the 79-year-old on the stand would be an enormous risk as he fights charges he drugged and violated Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004. Cosby has said the encounter was consensual.

Prosecutors would be able to grill the Cosby on the lurid details of his decade-old deposition testimony that jurors heard Friday, including admissions that he obtained quaaludes to give to women he wanted sex with.

Having Cosby testify also could spoil his lawyers' successful efforts to prevent jurors from hearing about the more than 60 other women who say he assaulted them since the 1960s.

"He is potentially opening the door to a whole lot of cross-examination that they fought really hard to keep out," said Duquesne University law professor Wes Oliver.

Prosecutors rested their case Friday after five brisk days of testimony from 12 witnesses. They saved Cosby's damaging deposition testimony until practically the very end. The defense starts its case on Monday.

Cosby didn't respond Friday when asked by The Associated Press if he would take the stand to defend himself against the charges that could put him in prison for the rest of his life. His lawyers also declined to disclose their strategy or say who will testify when they begin presenting their case.

Prosecutors were limited to calling just two accusers to the stand: Constand and another woman who says Cosby assaulted her in similar fashion at a Los Angeles hotel bungalow in 1996.

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But if Cosby testifies, prosecutors could be permitted to call other accusers to rebut Cosby's testimony, said lawyer Joseph Amendola. His client, convicted child sex abuser Jerry Sandusky, had wanted to testify at his 2012 trial, but that would have allowed prosecutors to have his adopted son testify about alleged abuse during rebuttal testimony.

Testifying under oath in 2005, Cosby said he obtained several prescriptions for quaaludes in the 1970s and offered the now-banned sedatives to others, "the same as a person would say, 'Have a drink," according to the deposition read to the jury.

"When you got the quaaludes, was it in your mind that you were going to use these quaaludes for young women that you wanted to have sex with?" the comic and "The Cosby Show" star once known as America's Dad was asked. "Yes," he said.

became public nearly two years ago, Cosby said he gave Constand three halftablets of the cold and allergy medicine Benadryl.

In the deposition, which

Prosecutors have suggested he gave her something stronger—perhaps quaaludes, which were banned in the U.S. in 1982.

always in the world of imagi-

man's sidekick, Robin, was

friends with West for more

"We shared some of the

most fun times of our lives

together, Ward told the Variety

entertainment media outlet.

"This is a terribly unexpected

loss of my lifelong friend. I

A whole new generation of

fans knew West as the voice

of nutty Mayor Adam West on the long-running animated se-

"Adam West was a joy to

work with, and the kind of

guv vou always wanted to be around," "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane said in a

MacFarlane added: "His positivity, good nature, and sense of

fun were undeniable, and it was always a big jolt of the best kind

of energy when he walked in to record the show. He knew com-

edy, and he knew humanity...

Thank you from the bottom of

my heart for all that you have

given, Mr. Mayor. You're irre-

In April 2012, West received

a star on the Hollywood Walk

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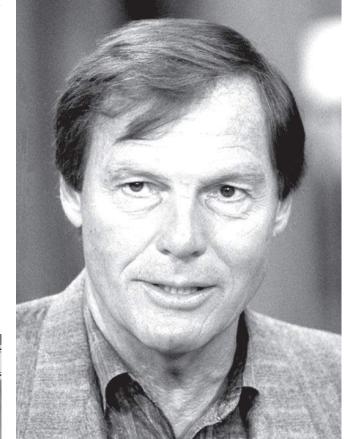
than 50 years.

### Adam West, who played 1960s-era Batman, dies at 88

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Adam West, whose straightfaced portrayal of Batman in a campy 1960s TV series lifted the tight-clad Caped Crusader into the national consciousness, has died at age 88, his publicist Molly Schoneveld said Saturday.

West died Friday night after 'a short but brave battle with leukemia," his family said in a statement.

West played the superhero straight for kids and funny for adults. He initially chaffed at being typecast after "Batman" went off the air after three seasons, but in later years he admitted he was pleased to have had a role in



This Jan. 14, 1989 file photo shows Adam West in New York.

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wish to extend our deepest and warmest appreciation to all our relatives and friends for the genuine compassion you showed us during our greatest and most painful time of sorrow. Your thoughtful prayers, comforting words and unending support to include other considerate acts of grace did much to calm the ache in our hearts, and with time may our pain lessen as memories gently turn tears to smiles. We would like to acknowledge and cherish the time you devoted to us. Your kindness has touched us all and we will forever remember you. To our techa for the rosary, Ms. Sue Babauta, members of the San Roque Parish and countless others, un sinseru yan dangkulu na si Yu'us Ma'ase.

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Thank You & Si Yu'us Ma'ase The Children and Family The moment that you left me, my heart

was split in two; one side was filled with memories; the other side died with you. I often lay awake at night when the world is fast asleep; and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon my cheek. Remembering you is easy, I do it every day; but missing you is a heartache that never goes away. I hold you tightly within my heart and there you will remain; you see life has gone on without you, but will never be the same.

kicking off a big-budget film franchise by showing the character's wide appeal.

"You get terribly typecast playing a character like that," he told The Associated Press in a 2014 interview.

"But in the overall, I'm delighted because my character became iconic and has opened

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Roman Polanski's sexual assault

victim made an impassioned plea Friday to end the fugitive director's four-decade le- court-ordered evaluation beabused by the legal justice system than by the man who she said drugged, raped and sodomized her when she was 13.

"The trauma of the ordeal that followed was so great that, you know, the brief encounter with him that evening that was unpleasant just faded and paled," Samantha Geimer said outside a courtroom in Los Angeles Superior Court. "It just wasn't as traumatic for me as everybody would like to believe it was."

Geimer asked Judge Scott

a lot of doors in other ways, too." He returned to the role in an episode of the animated "The Simpsons."

"He was bright, witty and fun to work with," Julie Newmar, who played Catwoman to West's Batman, said in a statement. "I will miss him in the physical world and savor him

Polanski's victim pleads to end case: 'He owes me nothing' tims and their advocates

after his parents divorced.

Gordon to either dismiss the case outright or sentence the Oscar winner to the six weeks he served in prison during a

eve of sentencing in 1978. "I implore you to consider taking action to finally bring this matter to a close as an act of mercy to myself and my

She also called for an end to "a 40-year sentence which has been imposed on the victim of a crime as well as the perpetrator."

family," Geimer said.

In downplaying the crime and saying she empathized with Polanski, Geimer took a position at odds with some sexual assault victims. Vichave been outspoken recently about lenient sentences in sex abuse cases.

Gordon, who praised gal saga, saying she felt more fore he fled the country on the Geimer for her courage and elegant words, said he would take the matter under consideration.

He has consistently ruled against Polanski's repeated requests for similar outcomes and has said the director must appear in court to resolve the case.

Deputy District Attorney Michele Hanisee, who has insisted Polanski return to court to put the matter to rest, opposed Geimer's plea. Victims have a wide range of rights but cannot dictate the outcome of cases, she said.

### Gwyneth Paltrow brings her website to life at Goop event

CULVER CITY, Calif. (AP)—There were organic paleo wraps and matcha smoothies, crystal readings and aura photography, hydrating IV drips and an "oxygen bar," \$72

aromatherapy candles and \$90 vitamin packs, plus lectures on gut health, mothering, selfhelp and sexual awareness: It was Gwyneth Paltrow's Goop website come to life.

### 'The Grand Tour' host Richard Hammond injured in car crash

GENEVA (AP)-Richard Hammond, a presenter of Amazon's car-themed TV show "The Grand Tour," escaped serious injury Saturday in a fiery crash while filming in Switzerland.



Program-makers

said Hammond was airlifted to hospital with a fractured knee. The Rimac Concept One electric supercar was reduced to a twisted, blackened mess after it crashed and caught fire.

The program said in a statement that Hammond crashed after completing a climb during a demonstration run at the Hemberg hill race in the east of the alpine country.

"Richard was conscious and talking, and climbed out of the car himself before the vehicle burst into flames," it said. "He was flown by air ambulance to hospital in St. Gallen to be checked over, revealing a fracture to his knee."

The show said no one else was involved, and the cause of the crash was under investigation.

Hammond, 47, hosts the adrenaline-fueled automotive show with Jeremy Clarkson and James May. The trio are the former hosts of the BBC program "Top Gear."

Clarkson tweeted that "it was the biggest crash I've ever seen and the most frightening but incredibly, and thankfully, Richard seems

to be mostly OK." Gian Andrea Rezzoli, a spokesman for St. Gallen cantonal (state) police, confirmed that a person had

been injured and taken to a hospital, but referred further questions to the race organizers as the crash happened on a cordoned-off racetrack.

A spokesman for the Hemberg race organizers, Marco Moser, said the demonstration runs are intended to showcase unusual vehicles and offer spectators "something special."

"No accident is nice for us," Moser said. "But accidents do happen in highrisk sports. Of course when a car goes up in flames, then there's quite a bit more adrenaline.'

"We're happy that Richard Hammond is doing well, under the circumstances," he

In 2006, Hammond suffered a brain injury when he crashed in a rocket-powered dragster while filming "Top Gear." He had been attempting to break the British land speed record at an airfield when the vehicle veered of the track, tumbled over and plowed into the grass.

Paltrow hosted the inaugural "In Goop Health" event Saturday in Culver City, California, where about 600 women spent the day chatting, learning, eating, shopping and generally indulging in the designer-wellness lifestyle touted by goop.com. Another such event is planned for January in New York, Paltrow said.

She described the gathering as a "summit focused toward being and achieving the optimal versions of ourselves."

It offered a full day of programming at three price levels: \$500, \$1,000 and \$1,500. The top tiers included fitness classes and lunch or cocktails

with Paltrow and featured panelists. All guests had access to lectures, organic foods and pampering treats like manicures, face massages, a hairstyling bar and goodie bags. There was an extra charge for IV drips and B-12 injections.

Between lectures, women mingled in the "Goop Hall" of shopping and sustenance. Food stands handed out kefir bowls and bee-pollen smoothies. A "pharmacy" sold health books and Goop-branded vitamins. The "Clean Beauty Apothecary" carried Goopbranded cosmetics. Other shops had kitchen gadgets and workout wear for sale, including a \$195 Goop sweat shirt.

"I didn't really know what to expect, but I'm definitely impressed," said 44-year-old Dawn Watts, a self-described "avid Goop reader" who traveled from New York to attend the event. "You can't take advantage of all of the offerings because they booked up too quickly... That's the only thing that's been disappointing."

She was in line to get a blow-dry, but missed out on the crystal reading and aura photography.

Brandi Bakewell of Los Angeles was taking a cellphone picture of her aura photo to explain to her friends what

she was up to on Saturday. A therapist who subscribes to the Goop newsletter, Bakewell said she came to the Goop event for her own health and to enhance her holistic approach toward patients.

"It's the opportunity to have all of these leaders within the field come together in a oneday, one-stop shop," said the 43-year-old. "I can actually see the products, feel them; hear the speakers, see them and think, 'Do I want to buy this book?""

She noted that she is African-American among the overwhelmingly white crowd.

"I just think it's about people not knowing about it," she said.

### AP Exclusive: Judy Garland enshrined in Hollywood mausoleum

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Judy Garland has been laid to rest in a mausoleum named for her at Hollywood Forever Cemetery.

A spokeswoman for Garland's estate says her family and friends held a private memorial service for the actress on Saturday, which would have been Garland's 95th birthday. She was buried in the Judy Garland Pavilion.

Garland's children, Liza Minnelli, Lorna Luft and Joe Luft, wanted to bring their mother's remains "home to Hollywood" from her original burial site at New York's Ferncliff Cemetery, publicist Victoria Varela said. They attended the service, along with Garland's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In a statement released to The Associated Press, they offered gratitude to their mother's "millions of fans around the world for their constant love and support."

Garland's children announced earlier this year that they had relocated their mother's remains to Los Ange-



In this Dec. 29, 1964 file photo, singer-actress Judy Garland greets her son Joseph, 9, and daughter Lorna, 12, after they arrive from California at New York's Kennedy International Airport, in New York.

les. Garland's third husband, Mickey Deans, buried her in New York, but her children said she wished to be interred with her family in Hollywood, Varela said.

The Judy Garland Pavilion is intended as a final resting spot for Minnelli, Luft and other family members, cemetery spokeswoman Noelle Berman said in January.

Garland, star of classic films including "The Wizard of Oz" and "Meet Me in St. Louis," died in 1969 at age 47 in London.

Jayne Mansfield, Douglas Fairbanks, Rudolph Valentino and Cecil B. DeMille are among the entertainment luminaries buried at Hollywood Forever Cemetery. Rocker Chris Cornell was laid to rest there last month.

### Family visiting for graduation brings grandma with dementia

EAR ABBY: My ex-husband is coming to our small town to celebrate our daughter's graduation. He is bringing along his parents. I'm happy they are coming to show love and support for our daughter; however, his mother has dementia.

She's difficult to deal with now, and my ex doesn't manage the situation well. They take her to restaurants and hotels and allow very uncomfortable scenes to play out -- like sending food back (every single time) or allowing her to accuse the housekeeping staff of thievery. Rather than rationally deal with the problem themselves, they put the staff in a very awkward position.

The poor woman has a mental condition. It isn't a secret to the rest of us. I have figured out techniques to deal with her. I am going to cook some meals for them while they are here, but based on my work schedule, that's all I can do. Should I call ahead to the hotel and restaurants to warn them of the impending storm?

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DEAR H.I.: If you are known at the restaurants, you should definitely call ahead and speak to the manager about the fact that the poor woman is "not well." I'm sure it would be appreciated, and perhaps the party can be seated in a private area of the restaurant.

When someone has dementia, there comes a point where they should be kept in familiar surroundings to avoid situations in which the person can become agitated. This may be what's happening with your ex-mother-in-law when she finds herself in an environment she's not used to.

The Alzheimer's Association hosts support groups for caregivers and for families with loved ones who have dementia. In these groups, coping techniques are discussed. Your ex might benefit by reaching out, preferably before he and his mother make the trip. He can contact the association at www. alz.org or by calling the 24/7 helpline at 1-800-272-3900.

**DEAR ABBY:** You know the adage, "You don't know what you've got 'til you lose it"? In 2009, before I was deployed to Kuwait, I was in a short relationship with "Donna." Because I didn't want her to worry about me while I was gone, I ended it and broke her heart. (Big mistake.) When I came home, Donna had moved away, and I lost her phone number when my old phone broke. Since then, I have not been in any relationships, and not a day goes by that I don't think about and miss her and the inside jokes we had together. Lately, it has gotten worse.

I know Donna's sister still lives here. Should I go and ask her about Donna, and how she's doing and where she is now, and

### DEAR ABBY

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whether she'll contact her for me? Or should I just keep trying to get over her?

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DEAR REGRETTING: What are you waiting for? Nothing ventured, nothing gained. By all means, talk to Donna's sister, who might enjoy being able to play the role of Cupid. If Donna is still single and available, she may be as glad to see you as you will be to see her.

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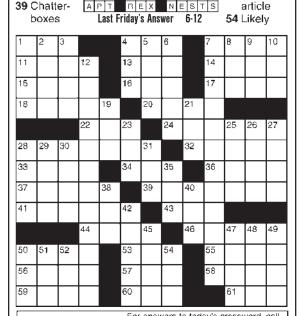
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Happy Birthday: Go over every detail carefully this year. Leave nothing to chance and you will save yourself a bundle emotionally and financially. Have a well-thought-out plan regarding what you want to accomplish and the best way to move forward. The proper strategy will encourage positive results and a future full of exciting new beginnings and opportunities. Your numbers are 3, 10, 18, 21, 26, 37, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotions will lead to poor choices. Don't act on impulse. Consider every aspect of a situation before you make a move. Your reputation or status may be at risk if you make a move based on anger or assumptions. ��

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can bank on your ability to bring quality to everything you do. Your insight and ability to be detailed and precise will help you persuade others to support you. Do your best to re-

cruit others to participate in your plans. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your ability to chitchat will help you draw attention. Make sure you have your facts straight and your presentation prepared. Making a mistake or sending a misleading signal will stand

between you and your goal. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Whether it's taking action yourself or responding to someone else's actions, think twice before being impulsive. Stick to what you know

you can handle emotionally, financially and physically. If you let someone pressure you, it will set you back. 🛇 🗘 🗘

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Change has to be for the right reason. Don't let emotional incidents push you in a direction that may not be good for you. Talk matters over and consider whether you are asking for or giving up too much. 🛇 🗘 🗘

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Set guidelines and goals to ensure that you achieve what you set out to do. Precision and detail coupled with desire and a well-thought-out plan will encourage you to learn as you go and

prosper from your accomplishments. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use your intelligence to available intelligence to avoid trouble festering at home. Logical suggestions coupled with the willingness to compromise will keep the peace, allowing you to carry on with the things you enjoy doing most. Rely on your past experi-

ences. Observe and learn. 🈂 SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll feel the urge to travel, but don't overload your schedule or you'll end up spending more time in between the places you really want to be. Set up fewer destinations and share your time with someone you love. ����

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be on guard. Someone you work alongside will cause problems for you. Don't make assumptions or offer personal information that might be damaging. Stay focused on truth, doing a good job and avoiding gossip and meddling.

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feel the need to make changes just because someone else does. Lay low and see how things turn out before you consider what to do next. Offer love and affection instead of criticism or opposition. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Act on

your instincts. Let your feelings flow and you will bring about positive change. Engage in opportunities that will encourage you to save for something that will add to your home and comfort. Protect your health. 🛇 😂

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Team up with someone you know you can count on. Share your ideas, and suggestions vou receive will help you turn your dream into a reality. Put some muscle and discipline behind your plans and good things will happen. 0000

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**DATE: June 10, 2017** 

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resource Management (DCRM) is currently updating regulations found in NMIAC 15-10. This notice and comment period has been open since May 17, 2017, and will come to a close on June 30, 2017.

Proposed changes are tracked in "track changes" and available online at: crm.gov.mp/

A document reflecting all proposed changes are tracked in "track changes" and available online at: http://ow.ly/cNNa30bKPVu

Changes proposed since the last revision are available at: http://ow.ly/jQot30bKQ1Z

Public meetings will be held on Saipan on June 21 at the 2nd Floor BECQ Conference Room at 4:30 pm, on Tinian at the Office of the Mayor on June 22 at 4:30pm, and on Rota at the Courthouse on June 23 at 4:30pm to review substantive changes, answer questions, and solicit comments. Comments on proposed changes can be shared during these meetings or submitted to the Division of Coastal Resource Management at <a href="mailto:erinderrington@becq.gov.mp">erinderrington@becq.gov.mp</a>

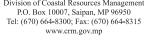
Comments are requested by June 30, 2017 in order for them to be considered and incorporated into a final draft of updated revisions. Once any additional proposed changes are reviewed and approved by the CRM Agency Board they will be submitted to the Commonwealth Register for and a final notice and comment period will be announced. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.



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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Limited Operations for the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality**

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) would like to inform the general public that it will be limiting its operations from Tuesday, June 13 - Thursday, June 15, 2017. BECO staff will be providing full support and participation in the 29th Pacific Islands Environment Conference (PIEC).

Submission of completed DEQ applications can be made at BECQ Administrative Services (Room 101). Completed DCRM applications can be submitted to the DCRM Permitting Section (Room 303) during the following dates and times:

**Tuesday, June 13:** 1:00-4:30pm

7:30-11:30am & 1:00-4:30pm Wednesday, June 14: Thursday, June 15: 7:30-11:30am & 1:00-2:30pm

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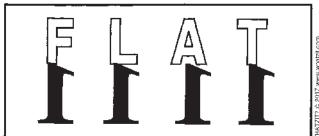
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### Cavs halt Warriors perfect postseason, party in Game 4

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Golden State's perfect postseason is over, the champagne corks still in their bottles.

The Warriors had planned to party, to pay back Cleveland.

Everything's on hold in the NBA Finals. The comeback Cavaliers are at it again.

LeBron James recorded a triple-double, Kyrie Irving scored 40 points and the Cavs, bothered by chatter from Golden State's players, broke scoring records while outperforming the NBA's most electrifying offense in a testy Game 4 filled with technical fouls Friday night, beating the Warriors 137-116 and snapping their 15-game playoff winning streak.

"We have championship DNA," said James, who broke Magic Johnson's record with his ninth triple-double in the Finals. "We showed that tonight. We just kept our composure. We shared the ball, we moved the ball and defensively we were physical. It's one game."

But it's one they had to have, and a series that wasn't living up to its hype and seemed headed for a quick conclusion is California bound for Game 5 on Monday night.

"Our mindset is to go out there and get one," James said.

The Cavs scored a Finals record 86 points in the first half and then held on during a wild third and fourth quarter that included technical fouls, James jawing with fellow superstar Kevin Durant and Cleveland's crowd roaring like a jet engine.

No team has ever come back from a 3-0 deficit in the NBA playoffs.

But until the Cavs did it last year, no team had ever rallied from a 3-1 deficit to win the Finals. Cleveland took Game 3 at home, lost Game 4 and then won the final three—Game 7



in Oakland—to capture the city's first sports championship since 1964

ship since 1964.
As the final seconds ticked off, Cleveland fans chanted

"Cavs in 7."

"Believeland is not going to give up," Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said, "and we're going to keep fighting. We're going to keep scrapping."

The Warriors had swept

their first three postseason series, dominated the Cavs for much of the first three games and were 48 minutes away from a title they've coveted for a year. Now, Golden State

Cleveland Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving (2) shoots next to Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant (35) in the first half of Game 4 of basketball's NBA Finals in Cleveland, Friday, June 9, 2017.

fans are holding their breath.

James said his teammates were upset by comments made by fiery Warriors forward Draymond Green.

"I didn't hear it, but some of the other guys heard it and told me that they wanted to celebrate on our floor once again and they wanted to spray champagne in our locker rooms," James said. "So I just told guys, I didn't stress anything besides just live in the moment."

Durant, still one win from the coveted championship he left Oklahoma City to get, scored 35 points but got little help from Stephen Curry, who scored 14 on 4-of-13 shooting.

"Just one of those games," Curry said. "Not going to overreact to one. Obviously I can play better and want to play better and will play better."

James finished with 31 points, 10 rebounds, 11 assists and on one trip threw the ball off the backboard to himself for a dunk.

When Cleveland's locker room opened after the game, trainer Mike Mancias was stretching James over a medicine ball. After several minutes, James stopped and performed a dozen lunges before teammate Tristan Thompson came over and playfully asked, "What are you doing?"

James said, "I've got to start getting ready for the next game now. I mean it."

Kevin Love made six 3-pointers and added 23 points and J.R. Smith knocked down five of Cleveland's 24 3-pointers, another Finals mark.

If not for Cleveland's Kyle Korver missing a 3-pointer in the final minute of Game 3, the series would be 2-2.

The finals

In any event, the Cavs are still breathing, and it's now the Warriors who may be feeling the pressure after blowing a 3-1 lead last June.

The third quarter featured a confusing sequence and a scramble on the floor that resulted in two technicals, a friend of James being escorted from the arena and back and forth flurries worthy of a heavyweight boxing match.

At one point, it was announced that Green had been given his second technical foul, and security came onto the floor to usher the volatile forward to the locker room. However, a technical assessed to him in the first half was actually called on Warriors coach Steve Kerr, leading to the confusion.

Later, Warriors center Zaza Pachulia was involved in a pileup of players and delivered two swipes to Iman Shumpert's groin area as the referees tried to get control. Pachulia could have been tossed, but was only given a technical, as was Shumpert.

The Cavs were determined not to let the Warriors sweep them, and it was Cleveland, not Golden State, which busted Finals scoring records in the first half. The champions had 49 points in the first quarter.

"That first quarter, they came out and hit us with that amazing punch," Durant said. "You got to give them credit, they played extremely well tonight."

### Same place as last year: Warriors up 3-1, NBA Finals go west

CLEVELAND (AP)—The celebrating after Game 4 was done by Cavaliers fans, not Golden State players, their families or anyone else dressed in blue and gold who came looking for a historic party.

"Cavs in 7! Cavs in 7!" Cleveland fans chanted as they walked toward the exits.

Yes, the NBA Finals are right where they were last year and could still end with the same result.

But it seems like an even more improbable task than it did last year.

The Cavaliers and Warriors, who have tangled for three consecutive Junes, headed back to the West Coast on Saturday after Cleveland's record-setting 137-116 victory. Kyrie Irving

said he was aware the Warriors wanted to finish a 16-0 romp through the postseason and celebrate a title on the Cavs' court, just as they did in 2015.

But Draymond Green said Golden State is eager to end this one back in the Bay.

"We have a golden opportunity going home on Monday to close this thing out. I've won one on the road. I want to see how it feels to win at home," he said. "We have to come out with some fire and try it get done."

They couldn't do it in this same situation last year.

Golden State brought a 3-1 lead back west but then took the floor without Green, who was suspended for accumulation of flagrant foul points, and

couldn't stop LeBron James or Irving. The Cavaliers won that game to start what became the biggest comeback in NBA Finals history.

Now they need the biggest ever in the NBA's postseason.

No team has erased a 3-0 deficit in any series. Then again, few had a player like James, who set an NBA Finals record with his ninth tripledouble in Game 4, or Irving, who scored 40 points.

The Warriors are no longer unbeaten in the playoffs, but James said they still have the Cavaliers where they want them.

"Listen, at the end of the day, we want to just try to put ourself in position to play another game, and we did that tonight and hopefully we can do

it Monday night where we can come back here," James said.

He has won a road game in 29 consecutive series, another of his many NBA post-season records, but the challenge now is far greater than what the Cavs faced last year. Golden State will be at full strength this time, and while the Warriors have finally lost a game, they haven't lost any confidence.

"When you have home court ideally you take care of business at home and get a split on the road. So we're in a great spot, and now we have to capitalize," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "But last year is last year, this year is this year. I'm pretty sure Draymond won't get suspended

for Game 5. Maybe he will. I don't know. But we'll go back and tee it up again."

As great as James, Irving and the Cavs' shooters were when they scored 86 points in the first half and made 24 3-pointers, Golden State still showed signs of getting into the game even on off nights for Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson. They don't figure to shoot as poorly again at home, nor should the Cavaliers expect to have a 39-point advantage from behind the arc.

"I can't foresee them coming to Oracle and hitting 24 3s," Green said.

James said after Game 3 that it takes an A-plus-plus game to beat the Warriors, and the Cavs delivered one Friday. But they have to do it four straight times to keep the

crown that they brought home from California last June.

The Warriors carried their collapse with them throughout this season, and they will surely hear more 3-1 chatter over the next two days as some pressure shifts to them while the series moves to their home.

But they didn't have Green then and they have Kevin Durant now, two reasons why the Warriors believe they will finish the job this time.

The unbeaten talk is gone. A chance for a championship remains in their grasp.

"Sixteen and one sounds pretty damn good anyway," Thompson said. "Forget about that undefeated talk or whatever. It's time to put on a show for our fans in Oakland and the rest of the Bay. Try to close out at Oracle."

### Rockies beat Cubs 9-1 for 7th straight win

(AP)—Rookie Aaron Judge hit his major league-leading 19th home run and New York connected five times in all, battering Chris Tillman and Baltimore for its fourth straight win.

Starlin Castro, Gary Sanchez, Didi Gregorius and Matt Holliday also homered in New York's biggest offensive show this season. The first-place Yankees have outscored Boston and Baltimore, their closest competitors in the AL East, by 41-6 during their winning streak.

Luis Severino (5-2) pitched seven sharp innings, giving up one run and two hits. He struck out eight walked two.

Tillman (1-4) was tagged for nine runs in only 1 1/3 innings. He got two quick outs to begin the first before Judge's homer began a six-run burst.

#### Mets 6, Braves 1, Game 1 Mets 8, Braves 1, Game 2

In Atlanta, Steven Matz pitched seven impressive innings in his season debut, Jay Bruce hit a three-run homer and New York beat Atlanta to sweep a doubleheader.

Yoenis Cespedes made a smashing return in the first game, hitting a grand slam to celebrate his return to the line-up following a six-week stint on the disabled list.

Matz (1-0), appearing in a big league game for first time since last Aug. 14, gave up five hits, one run and one walk. The left-hander struck out two, holding the Braves scoreless until the seventh.

Matt Wilser (0-1) gave up six hits, four runs and three walks in six innings in the second game. He struck out seven in making his first start of the season.

Robert Gsellman (5-3) won his third straight start. He gave up three hits, two walks and struck out four in 6 2/3 scoreless innings.

Sean Newcomb (0-1) lost in his major league debut despite allowing just one unearned run and four hits in 6 1/3 innings. He struck out seven and walked two.

#### Red Sox 11, Tigers 3

In Boston, Boston's Chris Sale outlasted Detroit's Justin Verlander to win his seventh straight decision in a matchup of big-name pitchers.

Mitch Moreland's tiebreaking, two-run double sparked a three-run seventh inning and Boston added five more in the eighth for its second straight late-inning win over the Tigers. The Red Sox have won 13 of 19.

Sale (8-2) pitched seven solid innings, giving up three runs on nine hits, striking out



seven without issuing a walk.

Verlander was gone with high pitch count after five, allowing three runs and four walks with three strikeouts after leaving his previous start following two innings with a tight right groin. Detroit has lost four of five.

With runners on first and second, Moreland doubled off the Green Monster against Warwick Saupold (1-1). Josh Rutledge added an RBI single.

### Dodgers 5, Reds 4

In Los Angeles, Corey Seager delivered a run-scoring double in the bottom of the ninth to allow Los Angeles to overcome a three-run homer from Devin Mesoraco and earn a victory over Cincinnati.

It was Seager's second double and it made a loser of reliever Drew Storen (1-2), who allowed two one-out singles in the ninth.

Kenley Jansen (4-0) pitched a scoreless ninth for the victory.

The Dodgers built a 4-1 lead but saw it come undone when manager Dave Roberts replaced starter Alex Wood with two on and two outs in the sixth with reliever Josh Fields.

### Rangers 6, Nationals 3, 11 innings

In Washington, Robinson Chirinos nearly put Texas ahead during a ninth-inning rally that tied it, then hit a three-run homer in the 11th.

Texas scored twice in the ninth to make it 3-all. Chirinos' bid for a tiebreaking sacrifice fly was thwarted by Washington right fielder Bryce Harper, who made a strong throw to nail a runner at the plate.

Washington almost won it in the bottom of the ninth. With two outs, Trea Turner bunted with a man at third, but pinch-runner Wilmer Difo hesitated going home and was quickly tagged out.

Pinch-hitter Joey Gallo doubled with two outs in the Texas 11th off Shawn Kelley (3-2). Following an intentional walk to Nomar Mazara, Chirinos drove a fastball just over the left-field wall.

Keone Kela (3-1) went two innings as the below-.500 Rangers beat the NL East leaders for the second straight day.

#### Astros 3, Angels 1

In Houston, Mike Fiers had another solid start and Brian McCann homered to lead Houston over Los Angeles.

Fiers (4-2) allowed a season-low two hits and one run, which was unearned, in a season-high 7 1/3 innings, to get his third straight win after managing just one win in his first nine starts.

Ken Giles walked one and struck out three in a scoreless ninth for his 16th save.

McCann put Houston up 1-0 with his solo shot to right field off Ricky Nolasco (2-7) with one out in the second. That hit gave the Astros at least one homer in 18 straight games, which ties a franchise record set in 2000.

### Rays 6, Athletics 5, 10 innings, Game 1 Athletics 7, Rays 2, Game 2

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Sean Manaea won his fifth consecutive start to help Oakland split a rare scheduled doubleheader with Tampa Bay.

Tampa Bay won the opener on Evan Longoria's RBI single in the 10th inning that completed a 3-hour, 56-minute game.

The split came in the majors' first scheduled doubleheader since 2011.

Manaea (6-3) allowed two runs and six hits over seven innings. He was supported by home runs from Josh Phegley, Ryon Healy and Chad Pinder.

Austin Pruitt (5-1) won in relief and Liam Hendriks (2-1) took the loss in the opener.

Rays Game 2 starter Matt Andriese lasted one inning before departing with a groin strain, the same injury that put him on the 10-day disabled list May 31.

Chih-Wei Hu (0-1) replaced Andriese and gave up one run — Phegley's shot in the second — over four innings.

### White Sox 5, Indians 3

In Cleveland, David Holmberg allowed two runs in five innings for his first win in two years, Jose Abreu had an RBI single in a three-run first and Chicago defeated Cleveland.

Holmberg (1-0) recorded his first victory since July 30, 2015 when he pitched for Cincinnati against Pittsburgh. The left-hander was making his third start and 11th appearance of the season.

Josh Tomlin (3-8) allowed four runs — three earned — and nine hits in 2 2/3 innings as the Indians lost for the fifth time in seven games.

### Blue Jays 4, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Ezequiel Carrera led off the eighth inning with

his fifth homer of the season to break a 2-all tie, Kendrys Morales and Justin Smoak each added long balls and Toronto beat Seattle.

Morales' two-run shot in the fourth inning, his 12th of the season, stood as Toronto's only hit until the seventh. After Seattle pulled even at 2-all, Carrera drove a sinker from Tony Zych (2-2) that stayed in the middle of the plate deep to right field, generating a huge roar from the thousands of Toronto fans in town for the weekend series.

Toronto starter Marcus Stroman (7-2) was outstanding, winning his sixth straight decision. Stroman allowed one earned run in seven innings, and it took the help of two errors on one play for Seattle to score its second run and pull even. Roberto Osuna pitched the ninth for his 15th save.

### Cardinals 7, Phillies O

In St. Louis, Carlos Martinez struck out 11 in a completegame shutout and St. Louis beat Philadelphia.

Martinez (5-5) allowed four hits and walked one in his first complete game and first shutout of his career. Martinez's 101st pitch of the game was a 100 mph fastball that struck out Howie Kendrick for the second out in the ninth.

Nick Pivetta (1-3), making his sixth career start, allowed four runs and four hits in five innings, with four walks and two strikeouts.

### Diamondbacks 3, Brewers 2

In Phoenix, Zack Godley allowed two hits over 6 2/3

innings, Brandon Drury hit the go-ahead two-run home run and Arizona beat Milwaukee.

Rey Fuentes tripled and scored for the Diamond-backs, who had their ninegame home winning streak snapped in a loss to the Brewers on Friday.

Godley (2-1) allowed two runs, struck out four, walked one and hit a batter. Fernando Rodney earned his 16th save in 19 tries.

Junior Guerra (1-1) permitted three runs and five hits in six innings in a strong outing for Milwaukee.

#### Pirates 7, Marlins 6

In Pittsburgh, Jordy Mercer hit a tying two-run triple in the eighth and John Jaso followed with a go-ahead double, lifting Pittsburgh over Miami.

Mercer's drive to center off reliever David Phelps (2-3) scored Andrew McCutchen and Elias Diaz, then Mercer scored on Jaso's ground-rule double to right.

Marlins star Giancarlo Stanton was hit by a pitch on the wrist in the first inning and left the game. The team said X-rays were negative and that Stanton is day-to-day with a bruised wrist.

Daniel Hudson (1-2) pitched a scoreless seventh for the win. Felipe Rivero got four outs for his first save.

### Twins 3, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Brian Dozier and Kennys Vargas hit home runs, leading Jose Berrios and Minnesota over San Francisco.

Berrios (5-1) struck out eight over 5 1/3 innings to win his second straight start, both on this road trip.

The right-hander escaped a bases-loaded jam in the third. After Denard Span's double and walks to Brandon Belt and Buster Posey, Berrios struck out Brandon Crawford and Hunter Pence. Brandon Kintzler, the Twins' third reliever, finished with a 1-2-3 ninth for his 17th save in 18 chances.

Jeff Samardzija (2-8) struck out six and walked one over six innings.

### Royals 12, Padres 6

In San Diego, Lorenzo Cain hit two homers, including a grand slam that capped a nine-run rally in the eighth inning that sent Kansas City over San Diego.

The Royals trailed 5-3 when Cain led off the eighth with an infield single. Eric Hosmer and Salvador Perez followed with home runs off Brad Hand (1-4) to put Kansas City ahead.

Reliever Travis Wood (1-2) won in relief.

### Unseeded, just 20, Ostapenko wins French Open for 1st title

**PARIS** (AP)—Right from the start of the French Open final, Jelena Ostapenko made quite clear to anyone unfamiliar with her name, or her game, what she is all about.

Yes, she was just two days past her 20th birthday. Yes, she was ranked only 47th. Yes, she was trying to become the first unseeded women's champion at the tournament since—get this—1933. And yes, she was trying to become the first woman in nearly four decades to make a Grand Slam title the first tour-level triumph of her career. None of that mattered to Ostapenko.

She began what would become an enthralling, 2-hour encounter by breaking No. 3-seeded Simona Halep at love with a series of grip-itand-rip-it shots, eliciting loud, appreciative gasps from spectators. So what if Ostapenko

wound up dropping that set, then facing big deficits in the second and third? Ostapenko never wavered, using bold strokes and an un-

bending will to come back and stun Halep 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 for an unlikely championship at Roland Garros.

"Before the match, 5-10 minutes, I was a little bit nervous," said Ostapenko, the first Latvian to win a major.



"But then, when I went on court, I felt quite free."

Halep, a 25-year-old from Romania, was the 2014 French Open runner-up and would have moved up to No. 1 in the WTA rankings if she had won Saturday. She appeared headed for a runaway victory when up a set and 3-0 in the second, plus holding three break points for the chance to lead 4-0. But Ostapenko would not go quietly, winning that game and the next three en route to forcing a third set.

"I felt a little bit nervous," said Ostapenko, the first woman since Jennifer Capriati in

ket in the fourth quarter with

her bank shot and Reyes fol-

lowed it up with a layup to

bring their lead back to double

figures, 52-42. IT&E was nev-

er threatened after that with

Manibusan and Travilla put-

ting the finishing touches on

their 16-point winning margin. Meanwhile, in the continu-

ation of the regular season of

the boys U18 division, Mt.

Carmel School also eased past

The trio of Kelvin Cepeda,

Francisco Gamab, and Tony

Kagman Rollers, 61-48.

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2001 to win the French Open after losing the final's opening set. "But then I felt: 'I have nothing to lose, so I'm just going to enjoy the match and do my best."

She again summoned a veteran's resolve down 3-1 in the third set, taking the match's last five games and, fittingly, striking a pair of winners on the last two points.

"Enjoy, be happy, and keep it going," Halep told Ostapenko during the trophy ceremony 'because you're like a kid."

Sure is. Quite a precocious

Ostapenko was playing in

Latvia's Jelena Ostapenko kisses the cup after defeating Romania's Simona Halep in their final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, Saturday, June 10, 2017 in Paris. Ostapenko won 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

only her eighth Grand Slam tournament and never had been past the third round before. Clay isn't even her preferred surface-she likes grass better, and won the Wimbledon junior title in 2014—which made this twoweek joyride even more unpredictable.

Consider: Last year in Paris, Ostapenko lost in the first round. The year before that, she lost in the first round of qualifying.

"Everybody knows she can play very good, but I think nobody expected (her) to (do) what she did," said Anabel Medina Garrigues, who began coaching Ostapenko in April.

Asked why Ostapenko never won a WTA Tour event until now, Medina Garrigues began answering, then interrupted herself after 10 words and laughed.

#### 7 pros sign up for Tagaman Triathlon Seven pros have already reging with Northern Mariana bike-run transitions, triath-

istered for the 2017 Tagaman Triathlon that will be held on June 24.

Tagaman returnees Alexandr Dorovskikh of Russia and Kaon Cho of Korea are among the early birds and are joined in the men's pro field by the Philippines' Joe Miller. In the women's division, Hong Kong's Leann Zsetoo and Tsang Hung Kang, the U.S.'s Maria Hodges, and Guam's Manami Iijima are the participants so far.

According to Ricky Castro of the Triathlon Association of the CNMI, which is workIslands Cycling Federation in helping Marianas Visitors Authority handle this year's Tagaman, the seven pros are among the more than 80 individuals who have signed up for the road triathlon competition and this year's number of off-island entries had already surpassed the 2016 turnout.

The 2017 edition of the Tagaman Triathlon will start in the waters off Kanoa Resort for the 1.5-kilometer swim leg. For the swim-bike and

letes will have to go TAGAMAN to Minatchom Atdao Pavilion. From the pavilion, participants will head north up to Banzai Cliff and back to Minatchom Atdao for the 40K bike leg, while the 10K run portion will have its turnaround near the Chamolinian Utt in Garapan. Registration is still open

and can be done via https:// www.webscorer.com/ register?raceid=94912. more information, send email swimbikerun.saipan@ gmail.com. (Saipan Tribune)

Triathlon Association of the CNMI officials, from left, Florence Antonio, Manny Sitchon, Ricky Castro, and Rommel Buenaflor, are joined in the photo by Glenn Policare, center, of Kanoa Resort, which is sponsoring this year's Tagaman Trithlon.

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in the finals. She then gave the Pacific's highest-ranked junior player (No. 314 before the New Caledonia competition) a run for her money in the opening set before folding up in the homestretch and losing steam in the second.

Lee's title match against Mohamed was played in the morning, while the former's championship game in the doubles with partner Stewart took place in the afternoon. The CNMI-New Zealand team went on to down Australia's Di Tomasso and Grace Schumacher in the finals, 6-4, 6-0, allowing Lee to sweep the New Caledonia tournament and get her third straight championship in the Juniors ITF Circuit. Last month, the Commonwealth player won her first Juniors ITF crown after ruling the doubles event (Skyler Marie Grace Grishuk) in the RUC Tennis Junior Open in Mo-

Lee and Holly did not drop a single set en route to topping the doubles competition. They first defeated Australia's Milan Krish and Julia Varvarigos in the quarterfinals, 7-5-6-2, and then New Caledonia's Lea Bolo and Moto-Nekiriai in the semis, 6-0, 6-1.

Meanwhile, after conquering the New Caledonia ITF Junior 2017 and getting 50 world ranking points (30 in the singles and 20 in the doubles), Lee, along with fellow CNMI player Isabel Heras and Robbie Schorr, will compete in the Open BNP Paribas Junior de Nouvelle-Caledonie, another Grade 5 event that will start today.

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It took Rota nearly 15 minutes to wrap up the bottom of the fifth inning, while Saipan needed only a few to end the top of the sixth and secure the championship. Delbert Sablan ended his shift by fanning out leadoff Landen Atalig and third batter Lucas Manglona, while second batter Tyric Castro grounded out at first.

The victory against Rota was Saipan's second in as many games and the hosts went on to sweep all three matches in the district tourna-

In their first meeting last Friday, Saipan also took only five and a half innings to top Rota, 7-2.

Patrick Celis was the Saipan Major All-Stars' man on the mound and shut down Rota in the first five innings, giving up only one hit. He also went 3-for-3 at bat, including a solo homer in the first inning where Saipan posted a 5-0 lead.

Heath Camacho and Delbert Sablan added one run each in the first inning, scoring off Rota's booboos, while Jason Reyes made the other run, thanks to Serrano's single. Saipan's two other runs came from Rota's error in the third and fourth inning.

Rota, after being silent in the first five innings, got two runs at the top of the sixth off Saipan's defensive miscues. However, after its first two batters scored, the next three went down with Nathan Salas beaten to second and Atalig and Castro struck out by Celis.

Celis also starred in Saipan's 10-run rule win against Tinian,

He scored three runs and made a two-run homer in the

Deleon Guerrero made things happen for the Knights as they combined for more than half of the squad's production. Cepeda scored a team-high 13 points, while Gamab and Deleon Guerrero added 11 and 10, respectively.

#### **Girls Division**

IT&E 64 – Manibusan 26, Travilla 23, Reyes 6, Villagomez 6, Han 3.

Ol'Aces 48 - Alipio 22, Daluyong 8, Alferos 6, Phan 4, Camacho 2, Kenty 2, Simram 2, Espinosa 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-8, 35-25, 48-32, 64-48.

fourth inning. Reyes helped in the easy victory, too, as he pitched for Saipan and vielded only two hits and one earned run, while striking out nine batters.

With the pair of victories, Saipan advanced to the championship, while Tinian and Rota were left to battle for the last finals berth which the latter won

Rota took the last finals seat after a 13-3 victory in four innings. Rota set up the early win after scoring eight runs at the bottom of the third inning. Before pulling away, Rota was just ahead by one, 4-3, after two complete innings.

Meanwhile, the district meet also featured competitions in the Junior and Senior League divisions at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield and results will be reported in Saipan Tribune's Tuesday edition.

### **Boys Division**

MCS Knights 61 – Cepeda 13, Gamab 11, Deleon Guerrero 10, Kiser 7, Santos 4, Richardson 4, Quitugua 2, Castro 2.

Kagman Rollers 48 - Duenas 16, Agulto 11, Arceo 7, Naputi 6, Fabia 1, Mendiola 2, Fitial 2, Rabauliman 1.



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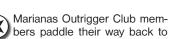
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## Northern Marianas National Paddling Sports Federation Sprint Season

### PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO







Napu Outrigger Canoe Club's Ponce Rasa, left, greets some members of their boys junior team after the 1,500m race.



Marianas Outrigger Club's Billy Grow, left, approaches Saipan Paddling Club members after the 500m race.



A Napu Outrigger Canoe Club paddler exchanges high-fives with Marianas Outrigger Club members.





Napu Outrigger Canoe Club, front, and Saipan Paddling Club are in a tight race going into the last few meters of the 2,500m event.







Cavs halt Warriors perfect postseason, party in Game 4

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arol Lee notched both the singles and doubles titles in the New Caledonia ITF Junior 2017 yesterday at the Ligue Caledonienne De Tennis in Noumea.

Lee first clinched the singles crown after beating France's Helena Mohamed in a twoset finale. Though

she swept her unranked opponent, the No. 1 seed Lee labored for a 7-5 victory in the opening set before posting an easier victory in the second, 6-2

The CNMI junior player earlier coasted past No. 6 seed Chiara Di Tommaso of Australia in the quarterfinals, 6-2, 6-1, and No. 2 Ashley Yim

# on Singapore in the semis,

# Saipan Major All-Stars shuts down Rota

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The Saipan Major All-Star Team will don the colors of the Commonwealth the 2017 Asia Pacific

Regional Championships after blanking Rota, 8-0, in the title game in the 2017 CNMI District Tournament held over the weekend here.

Pitcher Delbert Sablan had a no-no and Saipan scored eight runs in the pivotal fifth inning to win the championship game played last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield and the ASPAC slot that goes with it. Sablan also had 15 strikeouts, forcing Rota to 1-2-3 in the first, second, and fourth inning and delivering the victory to Saipan after only five and a half innings.

managed to hold its ground against Saipan in the first four innings, as starting

pitcher Toting Barcinas allowed only three hits and stranded six runners.

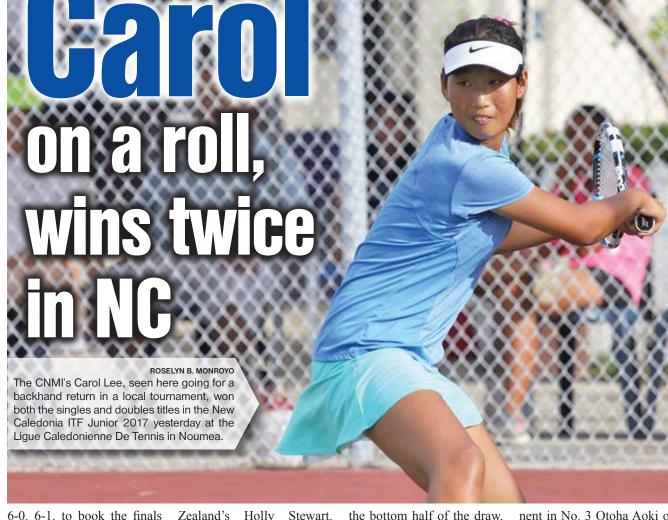
Barcinas worked the mound for Rota at the start of the bottom of the fifth and walked leadoff batter Joseph Ada, while Eli Ray Castro made a single against the former. Ada and Castro went on to reach home off Rota's errors, while more runs came for Saipan off Keoni Serrano's two-RBI single, Kaipo Dikito's RBI single, and Castro's RBI double. After Castro made his second at-bat in the same inning, Rota finally stopped the bleeding when relief pitcher Mamet Manglona struck out J.R. Suel.

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A Saipan Major All-Star Team runner is about to slide home during the bottom of the fifth inning of their title game against Rota in the 2017 CNMI District Tournament last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.



6-0, 6-1, to book the finals berth at the upper half of the draw. Di Tommaso and Yim arranged their meeting with Lee after eliminating New Caledonia's Lysiane Moto-Nekiriai, 6-0, 6-2, and New

Zealand's Holly Stewart, 5-7, 7-5, 6-0, respectively.

Mohamed, on the other hand, set her finals duel against Lee following an upset over the No. 2 seed Sara Tsukamoto of the U.S. at beat another seeded oppo-

the bottom half of the draw, 6-3, 6-3. Before bowing to her French foe, Tsukamoto shut down Australia's Roopa Bains in the quarterfinals, 6-0, 6-0, while Mohamed

nent in No. 3 Otoha Aoki of Japan, 6-0, 6-4.

Mohamed then hoped to continue her giant slaying in the tournament by facing Lee

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### IT&E tops Ol'Aces in finale



IT&E ruled the girls U18 division of the

Francisco M. Diaz Memorial Youth League after outclassing the Ol'Aces in the winner-take-all finals, 64-48, last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

IT&E played with only five players in the championship game, but the solid offensive games of Tawnie Manibusan and Jan Travilla were more than enough to compensate for its shorthanded lineup and hand the squad the easy title win. Manibusan top-scored for IT&E with his 26 points, while Travilla added 23. Karleen Reyes and Gillian Villagomez contributed 6 points, while Ya Han tallied 3 to complete the box scores for IT&E, which missed two players due to injuries (Guinevere Boria and Kve Tam) and three more who are off-island.

Despite its depleted roster, IT&E had little problem



ROSELYN B. MONROYO IT&E's Ya Han is hounded by Ol'Aces defenders during the fourth quarter of their title game in the girls U18 division of the Diaz youth caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

dispatching the Ol'Aces, as Manibusan hit her target early and was backed up by Travilla. Manibusan scored IT&E's first three baskets and finished the opening quarter with 10 points, while Travilla chipped in 6 to lift their team to a 17-8 lead.

IT&E never looked back from thereon, as the best that the Ol'Aces could do was cut the deficit to 6, 42-48, with a few minutes gone by in the fourth canto.

The fourth period started with IT&E enjoying a 48-32 advantage. With the big lead, the Catherine Toves-coached squad relaxed a bit, allowing the Ol'Aces to launch a 10-0 run off Chevy Kate Alipio's 4 points and 2 each from Chenille Espinosa, Jasmine Phan, and Mary Kay Alferos.

The Ol'Aces had a chance to move closer, but Alipio missed a layup, while Ya Han finally gave IT&E its first bas-

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